

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTY-FIRST](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 10:00 AM**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (21-317)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 1, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	307	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 28, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	308	To grant the Health Department up to \$1,036,000 to fund the hiring of school resource coordinators and the County Health Department Vaccination Team
Motion 21	309	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: Crawford County Fair Association PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: Beginning at 12:00 PM on October 9, 2021 and ending at 12:00 AM on October 9, 2021. (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Crawford County Fall Brawl

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Motion 21	310	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 2006 Dodge Truck owned by Bernard O'Brien and to request a refund in the amount of \$363.40 from the 2019 Personal Property Tax Rolls and to make an addition in the amount of \$84.48 to the 2019 16/20M Tax Rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	311	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$604.36 from the 2018 tax rolls and a refund in the amount of \$521.30 from the 2019 tax rolls and the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$293.88 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	312	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Matthew DeLange and to request a refund in the amount of \$112.80 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	313	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the CVB Director position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President Blake Benson and to reconvene by 11:00 AM
Motion 21	314	To approve the contract with Greenbush for help in managing the ARPA Funds
Motion 21	315	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss District Court under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 AM
Motion 21	316	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:26 AM

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** Health Department Director Ms. Teddi Van Kam gave an update on COVID-19. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 10/02/2021. Ms. Van Kam discussed the Community and School K-12 Gating Criteria and stated how pleased she is that the number of new infections has remained low over the last couple of weeks. She stated that the low number of new cases will allow them to continue to recommend "Optional Masking" for the local school districts.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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## MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Pastor Donnie Talent spoke regarding the county's need for childcare. Mr. Talent is concerned about the childcare proposal and request for funding during the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He stated his funding request would be much lower, and would like a chance to bring a proposal to the Commission. Commissioner Johnson stated that childcare is a huge need and the county needs many different centers to solve the problem and will push for an approach that is inclusive and equitable. Commissioner Blair recognized that there will be many proposals and he is not ready to make any decisions until all are heard.

**Item Two:** Michelle Fowler spoke to the Commissioners supporting mask use for children in schools. Ms. Fowler asked the Health Department to wait for the vaccine to be available to children under 12 before using the gating criteria for elementary schools.

Ean Nicaise also spoke of her concerns of using the gating criteria at the elementary school level, since vaccines are not yet offered for children under the age of 12.

**Item Three:** Veronica Ausemus, a teacher at Westside Elementary spoke against masks in school and how wearing a mask affects her health.

Garrett Hanson, a high school student at PHS spoke to the Commissioners about his recent quarantine.

Roger Lomshek spoke against mask requirements in schools. He requested that mask mandates are never implemented again, and requested Dr. Stebbins and Teddi Van Kam be removed as Crawford County Health officials. Mr. Lomshek produced a list of policy change demands to the Commissioners. Commissioners Moody and Johnson stated they are not ready to make any decisions without doing their due diligence.

Jackson, an eighth-grader, discussed the issues he has with wearing a mask.

Commissioner Johnson thanked the crowd for attending, and for their input.

**On motion (21-318)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess the Board of Commissioners meeting for 10 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The meeting reconvened at 11:45 AM.

**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the September 2021 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of September. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the August 2021 to September 2021 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures.

**On motion (21-319)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the September 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.

**On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that the asphalt on the approach at the EMS Station 2 is in need of repair. EMS Director Randy Sandberg stated that only 1 bid was returned. Commissioner Blair presented the bid. He stated that with winter coming the approach really needs repaired as it could possibly damage ambulances. The Commissioners will readdress this issue on Friday. Commissioner Blair stated that the bid received was from a local company.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day and the Commissioners decided to hold the regularly Scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Steve Brooks, City of Girard Public Works Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to ARPA funding.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-320)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 12:25 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:05 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:25 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-321)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 12:46 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:26 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:46 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-322)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 1:08 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:48 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 1:01 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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**On motion (21-323)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 1:32 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 1:02 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 1:32 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Five:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-324)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 1:48 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 1:33 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 1:48 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: October 15, 2021 -- 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner of Greenbush regarding the ARPA Funds.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: October 11, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [October 5, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 1:50 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.**

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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken by BKW & LL 10/05/2021 1:50 PM/amended BKW 10/7/2021 11:30 AM