

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **SIXTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, September 10, 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 (21-280) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 3, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	276	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 31, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	277	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: Stephen Hipfl "Ol Yale Farms" PREMISES: 306 S. 250th St., Pittsburg, KS 66762 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 21	278	To appoint County Clerk Don Pyle as the Voting Delegate and Commissioner Jeremy Johnson as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties Conference being held October 18-20, 2021 in Overland Park, Kansas

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Motion 21	279	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Terry Sercer, CPA, with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPA's PA, addressed the commissioners regarding the 2020 County Audit. The Commissioners were presented with copies of the audit. Mr. Sercer explained the several phases of the audit and he discussed the significance of an Unqualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting. He explained the Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability, Compliance with Kansas Statutes and stated that Crawford County was in compliance with the Kansas Statutes and there were no violations of the Kansas Statutes. Mr. Sercer also discussed the Summary of Auditors' Results and stated there were no issues. Mr. Sercer discussed the additional work required on the 2020 audit because of the pass through of all the Coronavirus SPARK Funds. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Sercer for this presentation.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the August 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 August. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the July 2021 to August 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 (21-281) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the August 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: Mr. Pyle addressed the Highway 69 Association Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Crestview County Club and stated that he emailed information on that meeting to the Commissioners. He said that an RSVP is requested by Monday, September 13, 2021.

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Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and stated that he received an update on the project from the state. He explained the funds that the county requested be repaid to KDOT from the county's federal funds money and how much has already been repaid to KDOT and the amount that will be repaid next year which will result in KDOT being paid in full.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated he will not be able to attend the Highway 69 Association meeting on Wednesday. He stated there was a KDOT Local Consult meeting last Wednesday and he feels the county needs to be more involved. He said that Sheriff Smith represented the County at the consult meeting on Wednesday and he would like to be- more involved in the meetings next time if possible. He stated that the more people Southeast Kansas has participating the higher our requests will be ranked. He explained that the meetings are done virtually.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated that he spoke to Jeff Spangler regarding the Jayhawk wind project and received a brief update on the project. He stated that they should be moving out of Crawford County in the near future.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair discussed the work session this morning with the Road & Bridge foremen and he will contact Shop Foreman Josh Peak to discuss the equipment.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he will give an update on the construction of the salt shed next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the 2022 County and Fire Districts Budgets. He explained that he emailed the 2022 County Budget and the 2022 Fire District Budgets to the Morning Sun to be published in the paper on September 7, 2021 with a hearing date set for September 17, 2021 and received confirmation from the Morning Sun. Mr. Pyle stated that the Morning Sun did not publish the budgets until September 8, 2021 and that date did not satisfy the 10-day publication statute for the public hearing. He said that the budgets will be republished on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and a new public hearing date is set for September 24, 2021. Mr. Pyle explained that since the Morning Sun was responsible for the error in publication the county will not be charged for the republication.

On motion (21-282) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the republication of the Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets with a public Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing date set for September 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that opening bids will be set on September 17, 2021 for the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale to be held on September 24, 2021.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that he will be unable to attend the Highway 69 Association Meeting next Wednesday but has attended those meetings in the past and those meetings are very informative.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson discussed the new census numbers and redistricting and Mr. Emerson explained what needs to take place for the redistricting and he will work on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-283) 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 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:10 AM.

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 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-284) 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 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.

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 11:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 14, 2021 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign September mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: September 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM Public Hearings on Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets and the Revenue Neutral Rates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 24, 2021 – 1:00 PM Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale, 3rd Floor, Crawford County Courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [September 10, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:22 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by [BKW 9/10/2021 11:22 AM/amended BKW 9/12/2021 12:05 PM](#)