

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, September 17, 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.
Commissioner Tom Moody was 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 (21-286) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 14, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 608310 to 608547 dated September 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$582,329.72, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 21	285	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 10, 2021 minutes
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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**
- MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**
- MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**
- MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**
- NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented an application for a 2021 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post #26 American Legion to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event (Legacy of

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Music 2021) during the dates beginning at 12:01 PM on September 17, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on September 19, 2021 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and all responded that they had no issue with this application.

On motion (21-287) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

DATE: Beginning at 12:01 PM on September 17, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on September 19, 2021. **(For consumption on the premises)**

EVENT: Legacy of Music 2021

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$196.39. He stated that this is not the main grant but an additional grant due to COVID-19 and it is a monthly draw down for August 2021.

On motion (21-288) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$196.39 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson reported on the Lunch and Learn meetings for Crawford County Employees and spouses and stated that over 200 employees and spouses attended the luncheons throughout the two days. He explained what took place during the

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meetings and the information that was given to the employees and spouses. He stated that he felt the meetings were very positive.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson stated that he attended the SEK Recycling Center's Annual Meeting last night. He said that a report was given on the Center's finances for the year and for the first time in several years the outcome was in the black and it was the best year that could be remembered. He explained that this was due to a couple of paycheck protection grants that were received and the significant increase in commodity prices this year. He stated that discussions are still being held on developing a local regional manufacturing cluster that would use some of the commodities from the center.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle presented the Commissioners with copies of Resolution #2021-005, A Resolution Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2021 that the Commissioners approved on June 18, 2021. He stated that applications are currently being accepted for the student loan repayment program and are available on the Kansas Department of Commerce website and will have PIO Samantha Garrett make the applications available on the Crawford County website. Mr. Pyle explained the purpose of the Resolution. Mr. Emerson stated that the program this year is available to people that moved to the county June 12, 2021 or after from out of state or county and applications will be accepted until the end of September.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the listing of properties that will be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale that will be held on September 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Crawford County Courthouse, 3rd Floor. He explained that he and County Appraiser Zach Edwards went through the properties and set opening bids for the Commissioners' approval. He explained that he is requesting a correction on the listing on property #294 to change the opening bid from \$200.00 to \$1.00. He explained that properties located in the cities with land banks that have special assessments on the properties and the cities have asked the minimum bids be set high enough that the city will recoup their special assessments or the property will go into their land banks. Commissioner Moody was answered that the property owners have until noon the day of the sale to redeem their property. County Appraiser Zach Edwards explained that if there is no address listed on the property it is probably a vacant lot. Mr. Emerson discussed property #272 and stated that the taxes owed on this property are \$19,274.95 and this property has been in codes court several times and has been a habitual nuisance property. He explained that the codes director has requested an amount for the opening bid high enough so that whoever bids on the property is serious about cleaning it up and making something nice out of the property. He asked the Commissioners if \$10,000.00 would be an acceptable bid or if they would like the opening bid set at the full taxes against the property. He explained that if no one would bid on the property it would go to the Crawford County Land Bank. The Commissioners felt that \$10,000 is an acceptable starting bid. Mr. Edwards stated that several of the properties have been neglected for years and we hope to get these properties back on the tax rolls. Mr. Emerson stated that this listing with opening bids will be posted to the website today. He explained that this sale consists of 2 years of tax sale properties. He stated that there will be a single year sale around the first of the year and possibly a 2-year sale in the middle of next year.

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On motion (21-289) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the minimum bids for the properties to be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM on September 24, 2021 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 3rd Floor.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 24, 2021 – 1:00 PM Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale, 3rd Floor, Crawford County Courthouse. Masks will be required and will be made available along with hand sanitizer.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [September 17, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:27 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 9/17/2021 10:27 AM/amended BKW 9/18/2021 12:47 PM.](#)