

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [SEVENTY-SIXTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-406) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 25, 2020** 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 20	403	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 22, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	404	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 discuss Landfill Negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 AM
Motion 20	405	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Employee Evaluations under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:51 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 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT District 4 Engineer addressed the Commissioners. He introduced Ms. Kristy Kelley, KDOT Community Affairs Manager and Mr. Kyler Farmer. He said that Mr. Farmer has taken over for Mr. George Dockery who has retired. He stated that he is here to talk about K7 Highway. He explained that KDOT has had local consult meetings and K7 was a project that rose to the top in a modernization program and it is in the developmental pipeline. Mr. Gudmonson stated that to reconstruct K7 from Girard to the county line which is 11 miles would cost approximately \$46,000,000 and from the county line to 69 Highway which is 10 miles would cost approximately \$42,000,000 and doing it this way would take a lot of time. He explained that with all the complaints, KDOT is looking at it in a different light and discussed some of the repairs and enhancements that KDOT is looking into to. He said that the project is still in the preliminary stages and explained the process that will be taken before the work can be started. Mr. Gudmonson stated that the estimated best scenario for a contract to do construction will go out for letting in September of 2022. He stated that he contacted KDOT's Traffic Engineering Department and a speed study is being done. He stated that a survey is also being done on the highway. He discussed the road map programs through GPS, such as Google Maps and Mapquest, and those data bases state that K7 is 24 feet wide which is incorrect. Mr. Gudmonson stated that the Traffic Engineering Dept. has been trying to figure out who to contact to get this corrected. Commissioner Blair discussed diverting the truck traffic to a different route. Mr. Gudmonson suggested the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department patrolling the highway as much as possible.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Sheriff Smith addressed the K7 Highway issue and stated that if it is going to take 2 years for repairs the main issue right now is getting the GPS mapping changed to take the trucks down a different route and not down K7. He stated he does not feel that speeding is that big of an issue but just the narrowness of the road. He stated that he is really concerned with serious injuries or deaths that could occur with accidents on this highway.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Community Corrections Director Tracy Harris presenting the FY2020 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcomes Report. Ms. Harris stated that the 2020 Fiscal Year report is a report of how the program performed over the 12-month period. She stated that it was a tough year and just not due to COVID but also because of the success rate. Ms. Harris explained that they were hoping to reach the 73% rate and fell short to almost 69%. She stated that the success rate can affect their funding. She explained the revocations and the reason for

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revocation. She also discussed the reasons for absconders and stated that there has been a large influx in homelessness in the last 2 years. Ms. Harris explained what avenues are taken to help the homeless. She went over the details of the report and explained the data in the report. She discussed goals that are set for clients and the outcome goals for the programs. She explained the issues of funding and caseloads.

Ms. Harris presented the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY 2021 Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary. She explained that this is money that is allowed to be kept locally. She explained where this money comes from and stated that it is required by the Kansas Department of Corrections to put these funds into a report to categorize how the money will be spent. She stated that they are currently still not seeing clients face to face but have submitted a plan to the administrative judge and have not received a response yet.

On motion (20-407) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the FY2020 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcomes Report and the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY 2021 Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties 2020 KAC Virtual Conference Event to be held October 14 & 15, 2020. He stated that free registration is available on line for the conference.

On motion (20-408) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of County Clerk Don Pyle as the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties 2020 KAC Virtual Conference Event.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a request from Angie Hadley, Restorative Justice Authority Program Coordinator to reappoint Chris Garzone, Assistant Principal at Pittsburg High School to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years.

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On motion (20-409) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the reappointment of Chris Garzone to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed the county credit cards and stated that he would like to increase the combined spending limit on all credit cards under the county's account to \$80,000. He stated that the GNBANK has agreed but would like to see the county's last two audits.

On motion (20-410) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve increasing the combined spending limit on all county credit cards through GNBANK to a total of \$80,000 and to provide the bank the last two County audits.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-411) of Commissioner Moody 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 the Health Department Director position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Michael Ehling 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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Four: Commissioner Bruce Blair stated that he spoke with Mr. Archie Moffet from Foley Equipment Company in reference to a demo loader. He also discussed training for the employees on machinery and stated he will check into the pricing of the training.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle handed out some information on Blue Cross and Blue Shield Current vs renewal comparison for the County Employees. Mr. Pyle explained the comparison sheet. He also handed out a comparison sheet in a different format that includes coverage changes and Mr. Emerson and Mr. Pyle explained these changes

Item Two: Mr. Pyle stated that Sewer Operator Coby Hinton would like a work session on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 9:30 AM to discuss issues with Crawford County Sewer #2 (W 4th St). The Commissioners agreed and requested that Mr. Robert Gorentz attend also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-412) of Commissioner Moody 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 discuss the landfill agreement and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 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 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued

Item Two: Judge Jennifer Brunetti discussed the re-opening of the Court. Judge Brunetti stated that they have obtained signage and other items to implement their plan to reopen the courts only for critical hearings. The commissioners told her to proceed with the preparations needed for the plan to be put in place.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 2, 2020 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Mr. Coby Hinton and Mr. Robert Gorentz on Crawford County Sewer District #2 (W 4th St).

Item Two: October 9, 2020 – Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Engineers, PA presenting bridge inspection report.

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Item Three: October 13, 2020 – 9:00 AM Canvassing of the ballots from the 2020 City of Pittsburg Special Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 6, 2020 – The City of Pittsburg Special Question Election will be held with all 4 polling sites in Pittsburg open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Item Two: October 12, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

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 29, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 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 9/29/2020 11:50 AM/amended BKW 10/1/2020 1:00 PM](#)