

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (22-134)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 8, 2022 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 22	131	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 5, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	132	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: Chicken Mary's Restaurant LLC PREMISES: 1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg, KS 66756 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 22	133	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2021) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,356.63 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Rusty Akins, Emergency Management Director presented Resolution #2022-004, A Resolution to end the State of Local Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 and rescinds the declaration that was put in to place for Crawford County on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

**On motion (22-135)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2022-004, A Resolution to end the State of Local Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 and rescinds the declaration that was put in place for Crawford County, Kansas on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Akins discussed and 911 Director Tim Mikrut discussed the status of tornado sirens and storm shelters in the county. Mr. Akins stated that he will be hosting a storm spotting class tomorrow night for 1<sup>st</sup> responders at Pittsburg High School and that the National Weather Service will be teaching the class.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Mr. Tim Mikrut, 911 Director requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-136)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the 911 Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and 911 Director Tim Mikrut and to reconvene by 10:21 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 10:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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**Item Two:** County Counselor requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-137)** 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 the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Public Information Officer Samantha Norris and to reconvene by 10:34 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 10:19 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated the County Clerk's Office has implemented a 2022 Sticker Design Contest for Crawford County High School Students. She explained that the design selected will be used on the "I Voted" stickers that will be distributed to the voters voting in the 2022 Primary and General Election. She showed the Commissioners the flyer that was sent to the high schools explaining the contest and the rules.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson gave an update on ARPA funding. He stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Bonnie Houk at 2:00 PM today along with County Clerk Lisa Lusker and Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss the first reporting that is due at the end of the month for ARPA funds. He explained that this reporting covers the period from the start of the funding which was March of last year and ending March 30, 2022. Mr. Emerson stated that the report will include the money spent and the money allocated. He said that he has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner on Wednesday to discuss county requests.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated that he met with Shop Foreman Josh Peak to discuss what is needed for the upcoming asphalt season. He said that Mr. Peak will contact Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to make sure all the equipment is ready. He discussed the grader exhaust systems. Commissioner Blair stated that he would like to schedule a work session with Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales. He discussed the shortage of weed chemicals. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 AM with Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Johnson gave an update on the infrastructure funding. He stated that he has spoken with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti on the BASE Grant from the state the county did not get that grant. He said that he has spoken with City of

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Pittsburg Assistant City Manager Jay Byers in reference to a grant that is due Thursday on improving the roads around the airport. Mr. Johnson explained that this is a large project, approximately \$20,000,000 that has been applied for and the grant is a 10% local match. Mr. Byers is asking for the county to split the match with the City of Pittsburg, the county portion would be approximately \$1,000,000. He stated that since the county did not get the BASE grant for the Free King Highway project there is another grant available that is due in May and that Mr. Byers suggested applying for that grant for this project, also a local match grant. Commissioner Johnson explained that the match would also be split with the City of Pittsburg. He stated that the match for the county portions for both grants would be approximately \$1,500,000. He explained that the match funding would not be due up front and would be spread throughout a window up until 2025, giving the county 2 ½ years to come up with the funds. Commissioner Moody stated that he would really need to give this thought before committing to that amount of funds. Commissioner Blair suggested having a special meeting with Mr. Byers to get the details of the grant before the grant deadline on Thursday. Commissioner Johnson will contact Mr. Byers to see if would be able to attend a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Three:** 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 (22-138)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson 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 county policies and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:03 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 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:03 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS:**

**Item Three:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg stated that the EMS Department has been approved for a KRAF grant. He explained that they had applied for 3 power cots at a cost of approximately \$28,000 and the county's match would be approximately \$7,000. The Commissioners gave Mr. Sandberg approval to accept the grant. Mr. Sandberg stated he will proceed accordingly.

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### OLD BUSINESS continued

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody stated that the COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy that is currently in place needs to be rescinded.

**On motion (22-139)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve rescinding the COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy effective today.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

**Item Four:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-140)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 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 11:36 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 11:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: April 19, 2022 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign April mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: April 19, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales.

**Item Two: April 19, 2022 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Ms. Cristi Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative to discuss health insurance.

**Item Three: April 22, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with GIS Director Kyle Nelson in reference to redistricting.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: April 15, 2022** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday and the Regularly Scheduled Session of the Board of County Commissioners is canceled.

County Counselor Jim Emerson announced that there will be a **Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM** and City of Pittsburg Assistant City Manager Jay Byers will be in attendance to discuss the RAISE infrastructure grant.

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to 11:40 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken BKW 4/12/2022 10:39 AM/amended BKW 10/14/2022 12:30 PM