

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, April 5, 2019 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 and Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance.

Deputy County Clerk Larissa Bowman and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (19-102) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 2, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 19	97	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 29, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	98	To approve the March 2019 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 19	99	To approve the Publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing set for April 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Motion 19	100	To approve the list of volunteers for the Employee Benefits Committee as presented
Motion 19	101	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:35 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Zoning Administrator Troy Graham introduced Ms. Jenna Vitt and stated that she built a new home and is requesting that the boundaries for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program be expanded to include her new home. Ms. Vitt addressed the Commissioners and stated that her home is at 421 S 190th St, Pittsburg, KS. She explained the process she went through when applying for a building permit and inquiring about the NHRP and that the program had not been finalized when they built their new home. She explained that she spoke to Mr. Graham, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Commissioner Moody during that time inquiring about the program. She said that she feels that she went through the proper channels and would like the boundary extended 51' to include her property. Mr. Johnson stated he was not a Commissioner when the program was put in place and asked Mr. Emerson to explain some of the details of the plan. Mr. Emerson stated that there were two thoughts on how to approach Neighborhood Revitalization and one approach was that any new construction in the unincorporated areas of the county would be included and the other approach was to focus on platted areas where there were clusters of houses because a lot of the county's nuisance complaints come from these areas. He explained that the Commissioners spent months on the plan deciding which areas to include and what type of construction would be eligible. Mr. Emerson stated that even though the boundaries were set in the final plan, that does not mean they cannot be amended. Mr. Graham stated that part of the decision was based on areas where there were sewer districts. Mr. Graham stated he has had no official requests to move the boundaries. He has had a couple inquiries but they were a mile or more outside the area. Mr. Blair asked Ms. Vitt to give the Commissioners a week to discuss this, have Commissioner Moody present and research the pros and cons of the situation. The Commissioners will readdress this issue next Friday.

Item Two: Mr. Gary Dowling from SEK Old Time Gas Engine & Tractor club addressed the Commissioners about a grant. He explained that the club has used the grounds behind the Crawford County Historical Museum for the last 31 years and stated that in the last few years the participation in their shows has declined. He stated that after research it was found that there was not sufficient lighting for security for the expensive equipment the exhibitors bring and no electricity to provide for campers while the equipment is parked during the show. He explained that the club had 2 electric poles and added 5 more and that took care of part of the issue. He stated that Heartland Electric donated lights for those poles although they are not the providing electric company. Mr. Dowling said that he went to the SEK Education Service Center in Greenbush and spoke to the grant writer. He said that the grant writer suggested that he attend the grant writing meeting yesterday. He stated that at the meeting he learned of some grant opportunities and was told to get the County's approval since the county owns the property and also get the Historical Museum's approval as they also use the property and that would give the club a better chance of being awarded the grant. Mr. Downing explained that the grant money would be used for a total of 12 electrical hookups. He stated that this would entice more

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exhibitors to attend the shows. Mr. Downing answered Commissioner Blair that the outlets would be used by the club twice a year, in June and October, for their events and that the museum might also use the outlets for some events they have. Mr. Downing stated that he is needing a letter of support from the Commissioners. He explained how the club was given use of the property and stated that 31 years ago they wanted to form the club and approached the county for use of the land and the county agreed if the club would clean the property and maintain it and the property was like a forest at that time. He said the club cleaned up the area and has maintained it since that time. Mr. Downing explained that the grant is for \$7,000 for materials only and they would do the labor themselves. He said he has a meeting with a grant writer at Greenbush at 1:00 pm today. Mr. Emerson stated he will draft a letter for the Commissioners to sign.

On motion (19-103) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve a letter of support for the SEK Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club to apply for grant funding.

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Deputy County Clerk Larissa Bowman informed the Commissioners that Student Government Day will take place on April 23, 2019 and invited the Commissioners to participate. She gave a brief explanation of what takes place that day and that the students will attend a commission meeting and a court hearing if possible. Ms. Bowman explained that the students will also take part in a mock election. She stated that lunch is served at Memorial Auditorium and that it is a fun day for the students and a valuable learning experience.

Item One: Ms. Bowman stated that Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative Cristi Mitchell presented the County with a \$6,570 check for reimbursement for administrative costs.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Johnson stated that he received an email from Representative Monica Murnan on the KDOT project. Mr. Blair stated that he received the email also.

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 (19-104) 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

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than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 9, 2019 – County Clerk Don Pyle presenting the SEK Regional Library Appointment.

Item Two: April 9, 2019 – Mr. Jason VanBecelaere, Emergency Management Director addressing Mass Notification System.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [April 5, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 BKW 4/05/19 10:37 AM/amended BKW 4/5/19 1:15 PM](#)