

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTIETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, August 24, 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 (21-268)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 20, 2021** 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 21	260	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 17, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	261	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 \$126.64 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	262	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Appraiser's Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Zac Edwards and to reconvene by 10:25 AM
Motion 21	263	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 under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:41 AM
Motion 21	264	To approve the Annual Budget for 2022 for the 11th Judicial District Crawford County and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 21	265	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 11:03 AM
Motion 21	266	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:16 AM
Motion 21	267	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 11:32 AM

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

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

**Item One:** Crawford County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were provided with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Monday, August 23, 2021. Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and went through the Community gating criteria. Commissioner Moody was answered that the situation is not getting better and that it is nearly impossible to transfer any patients as they are all at capacity. Dr. Stebbins stated that it seems to be infecting more children and pediatric hospitals are full. Schools are working hard to control some outbreaks and the Health Dept. is working closely with the schools. Dr. Stebbins discussed the issues that they are working with schools in order to keep infections as low as possible. He also discussed that the start of school and the start of classes at PSU will probably show up in the next few weeks. Commissioner Johnson was answered that the students in modified quarantine at schools is being tracked. It was discussed that different parts of the day for schools are harder to control the spread of the virus. Commissioner Blair was answered that it has been hard to try to get a uniform set of data for other counties in our area. The vaccination clinics were discussed and the start of third doses for some individuals. They discussed that breakthrough infections are not as severe and that the vaccinated people are not experiencing as many infections. They also felt that the full CDC approval of the Pfizer vaccine might encourage additional to get vaccinated.

Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel of the Health Department.

**On motion (21-269)** of Commissioner Blair 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 20 minutes to discuss Health Department personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Tim Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:48 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Michael Ehling, Health Dept. Executive Director, requested a work session with the commissioners on August, 27 at 9:00 AM, to discuss some more long-range plans to help the Health Dept. manage the pandemic more effectively.

**On motion (21-270)** 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 Ambulance Department personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Tim Stebbins, EMS Administrator, and Mr. Randy Sandberg, EMS Director, and to reconvene by 11:14 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 10:54 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:14 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

**Item One:** Public Hearing on Crawford County and Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets. The public hearing was cancelled so that the notice of hearing could be republished. County Clerk Don Pyle was concerned that the original notice did not include some language regarding the newly enacted Revenue Neutral Rate hearing and notification. Mr. Pyle felt that the notice should be republished with the required language which would mean that the hearing would need to be rescheduled for Sept. 10, 2021.

**On motion (21-271)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to authorize the republication of the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Budget Hearing for Crawford County and for Fire District No. 1,2,3 & 4 with a hearing date of September 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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## MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle wanted to inform the commissioners and the public that the Resolution Number 2021-007 that expands the hours of Sunday sales of cereal malt beverages is now in effect. Mr. Pyle stated that this only applies to retailers not located inside any city limits and that this does not apply to Easter Sunday.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair stated that he had driven around the area of the county, north of Hepler, where the wind turbines are being constructed. Mr. Blair stated that they are making good progress on the construction and that the roads are in good shape and that the construction vehicles were very considerate of local traffic on the roads.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: September 3, 2021 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with the Road & Bridge Foremen to discuss roads and planning.

**Item Two: August 27, 2021, 9:00 AM-** Work Session with Health Dept.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Item One: September 6, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

## 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 [August 24, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:25 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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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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

Taken by BKW 8/24/2021, Amended by DPP 8/26/2021 at 3:20 PM