

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, August 25, 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 (20-347) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the August 21, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 20, 343, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 18, 2020 minutes. Row 2: Motion 20, 344, To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Health Department Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean, Health Department Executive Director Michael Ehling and Health Department Director Rebecca Adamson and to reconvene by 10:25 AM.

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Motion 20	345	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 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 11:30 AM
Motion 20	346	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss employee compensation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:42 AM

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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commissioners and stated that the Crawford County Sheriff's office has partnered with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas for a medically assisted treatment program for inmates and that the program has been launched. He stated that this program will assist inmates with addiction and mental illness and the program is grant funded. He explained that CHC/SEK will have a navigator that will oversee the project. He spoke about how the inmates will have resources while incarcerated and after they are released. Sheriff Smith stated that it will be a great program even if it helps just 1 out of 10 inmates. The Commissioners asked Sheriff Smith to keep them updated on how the program is working. Sheriff Smith spoke about the precautions and protocols in place at the jail for COVID-19.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services has requested a work session on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM to discuss SPARK funding. The Commissioners agreed to the work session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that the City of McCune is having issues with their water system and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins will be taking drinking water to the city today. Mr. Blair explained the city is trying to temporarily fix the water system and in 3 weeks the repairs will be made and it could take 1 to 3 days to repair. He stated that the county is going to help the city with potable and non-potable water during the time it is needed.

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Item Three: Commissioner Blair addressed quotes for a vehicle for the 911 Department. Commissioner Moody would like 911 Director Tim Mikrut to allow other local dealerships the opportunity to bid and the Commissioners will readdress at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that Mr. Emerson, County Treasurer Joe Grisolano, Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and himself participated in a ZOOM meeting with Ms. Monica Murnane and Ms. Bonnie Houk from Greenbush on the logistics of the SPARK funding and how the money will flow through the county books. Mr. Pyle explained what was discussed in the meeting. Mr. Pyle stated that there will be no checks issued without the Commissioner's approval.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that he wants to remind businesses that tomorrow is the deadline for Crawford County Round 2 of small business funding. He stated that there is a SPARK funding link on the county website at www.crawfordcountykansas.org. He also stated that there is a fillable form on the county website for the CDBG-CV grant and Susan Galemore from Southeast Kansas Regional Planning and himself will help anyone who needs assistance in filling out the application for CDBG CV funding.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and explained that initially the state was going to reimburse the county for the expenses out of our Federal Fund Exchange money. He said that the bill was not as much as expected and the county decided to pay for the project out of county funds. He explained that KDOT had already initiated a transfer of those funds and the county will be receiving approximately \$400,000 that will be paid back over the next 2 years out of the county's Federal Fund Exchange money. He felt that the money should be put in a fund for road & bridge and the commissioners agreed.

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 (20-348) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Attorney Mr. Pete Peterson via phone call and to reconvene by 10:45 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 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-349) 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 15 minutes to discuss IT updates under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Mr. Jim Vinze and IT Specialist Mr. Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:55 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-350) 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 10 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 11:06 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 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:06 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 28, 2020 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign August 2020 bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: August 28, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Michael Ehling to discuss SPARK funding.

Item Three: August 28, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Crawford County 2021 Budget.

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Item Four: August 28, 2020 -- Brittan Brenner, City of Pittsburg Community Development Specialist discussing the 2020 Census.

Item Five: September 1, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 2021 Budgets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

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 [August 25, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 PM 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 8/25/2020 11:10 AM/amended BKW 8/27/2020 11:00 AM