

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [ELEVENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, February 12, 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 (21-055) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [February 9, 2021](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	50	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 5, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	51	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss an employee work comp claim 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 10:20 AM
Motion 21	52	To award the distribution of 2021 Elderly, Parks & Recreation, Elderly and Special Alcohol funding as approved by the Commissioners
Motion 21	53	To approve the payment of a one-time check from the City of Pittsburg to Crawford County for the overage of charges for Crawford County Sewer District #2 (W 4th St)

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Motion 21	54	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 address the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM
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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

Item One: County Health Officials addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins presented the Commissioners with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 2/11/2021. He explained that there was a decrease in numbers due to the cold weather and the schools being closed. He discussed long term care facilities. He also discussed the vaccination criteria and stated that number is moving number due to vaccinations going on in the community daily. He said that there were 600 vaccines received this week and should receive another 600 doses plus 400 second doses next week. He spoke about the pharmacies receiving the vaccine doses and stated that he will work with the pharmacies directly in providing guidance on who should receive the vaccines. Commissioner Moody discussed essential workers receiving the vaccines and Dr. Stebbins stated he will work the pharmacies on this issue and that right now in phase 2 the priorities are 65 and older or teachers. He explained that any entity within the county that is vaccinating is under the direction of the health officer. Dr. Stebbins went through the School Gating Criteria for K-12. He discussed the number of vaccinations, 1st and 2nd doses, given in the long-term care facilities. He stated that he is concerned with the weather next week and being able to give the vaccinations.

Deputy County Health Officer Teddi Van Kam updated the Commissioners on the Well Health Screening numbers. She stated that the last day for the testing site at Countryside Christian Church is tomorrow. She said that the testing site at Bicknell Center at PSU will remain open. She updated the Commissioners on the total number of tests given at the Well Health Screening Sites and the Mobile Van with the number of positives, negatives, pending and rejected tests and the positivity rates. Ms. Van Kam reported on the vaccinations given at the local schools. Dr. Stebbins stated that all schools should be completed by February 25th. He explained that the county vaccination numbers are individuals that have been vaccinated by systems under the health officers' control in the county and there are people who have received the vaccination from other regions and are not included in the Crawford County vaccinations numbers, but that is a low number.

Ms. Janis Goedeke stated that this week they had 600 initial doses and 300 second doses and by the end of today all of those doses will be given. She stated that this week Dr. Seglie has partnered with the Health Department and has monitored clients for side effects from the vaccine and he will continue doing this. She stated that they will also be partnering with PSU in holding vaccine clinics at Weede Gymnasium. She stated that they are also looking for volunteers to help with the clinics and there will be a link on the county website to sign up to volunteer. Commissioner Johnson discussed the 50 doses of vaccines given to CHC and the Health Officials explained this issue. Ms. Goedeke

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wanted to clarify that the clinics to be held at Weede Gymnasium will not be mass clinics and will be by appointment only. Commissioner Johnson asked about the school vaccinations and the Dr. Stebbins explained who qualified for the vaccinations in that group. County Clerk Don Pyle discussed the Vaccine Hotline and employers calling about their essential workers and what he was advised to do about that issue.

Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling discussed with the Commissioners the services offered at the Health Department.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Taylor Hogue, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission addressed the Commissioners and spoke about the CARES Act. She also discussed other services available through the Planning Commission. She handed out some pamphlets on the SEKRPC services. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hogue for the update. Mr. Pyle explained the membership to the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that if everything goes as planned there will be an ad in the paper on Wednesday on the Crawford County Tax Sale with a date of March 31, 2021. He stated that all the information on the sale will be posted on the web site. He said that the minimum bids have already been set. Commissioner Johnson was answered that this sale is for 1 year and the next sale will be for 2 years.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed the Morning Sun publishing some miscommunication on a few issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle spoke about prior year bills being submitted and stated that he would like to send out an email to department heads to have them submit all 2020 bills by the end of February to be able to get ready for the audit.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed communication with the public when there is inclement weather and the road & bridge vehicles are out working on the roads and what areas they will be working in. Mr. Emerson and PIO Samantha Garrett addressed an internal text message system to Crawford County officials and employees for notices.

Item Three: Mr. Pyle addressed making the media aware of closing of county offices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-056) 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 than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship to address the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:08 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 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 19, 2021 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign February mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 15, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Item Two: February 16, 2021 – The Regular of Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Monday holiday.

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 [February 12, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:09 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 2/12/2021 11:09 AM/amended BKW 2/18/2021 1:07 PM](#)