

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, THIRTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Friday, February 18, 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 (22-066)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 15, 2022 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 22	62	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 11, 2022 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 611493 to 611714 dated February 15, 2022 in the total amount of \$400,571.44
Motion 22	63	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss job descriptions under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim and to reconvene by 10:46 AM
Motion 22	64	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a

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		period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:17 AM
Motion 22	65	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 the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 AM

### 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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Ms. Deborah Potter, Little Balkan’s Quilt Guild presented a special quilt to the Commissioners. Ms. Sherry Jagels was also present. Ms. Potter stated that she wanted to thank the Commissioners for everything they have done over the last couple of years in keeping the citizens of the county safe. She stated that Ms. Pegg Smith made the quilt and she started it in 2014. Ms. Potter gave background information on the quilt and stated that Ms. Smith spent untold hours embroidering the details of the quilt. She explained that Ms. Smith wanted the quilt to be donated to the county to be displayed throughout the county and was a labor of love for Ms. Smith. Ms. Potter said the quilt was appraised at a value of \$1,200.00 and showed the appraisal to the Commissioners. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Potter and Ms. Jagels. Commissioner Blair said that he will contact Robert Gorentz about making a display case for the quilt.

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Jessie Gilmore, Horticulture Agent with the Wildcat Extension District addressed the Commissioners about potential community orchard in Pittsburg. Mr. Gilmore explained what his job as a horticulture agent entails and explained the plans of putting in a community orchard in Pittsburg. He stated that one potential location is at 608 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Pittsburg which is owned by Crawford County. He said that they are applying for grants for fruit trees. Mr. Gilmore explained that the orchard will be a partnership between Kansas State University Research & Extension, Extension Master Gardeners, Pittsburg Beautiful and Eat Well/Live Well Crawford County.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC *continued*

**Item Two:** Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners about ARPA funding. He stated that they are on the verge of wrapping up the municipality applications for ARPA funding. He stated that in the work session today, the Commissioners approved an additional \$68,296 for the City of Mulberry and \$149,740 for Crawford County Rural Water District #2 for pipe replacement.

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**On motion (22-067)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the new ARPA application for funding for the City of Mulberry in the amount of \$68,296.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (22-068)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the ARPA application for funding for Crawford County Rural Water District #2 in the amount of \$149,740.00 for pipe replacement.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting: Commissioner Blair

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-069)** 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 Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 10:32 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 10:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-070)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County

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Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 11:05 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-071)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 11:40 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 11:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker requested approval of the 2022 Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding.

**On motion (22-072)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the distribution of the 2022 Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding as presented by the County Clerk.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. Lusker addressed the regularly scheduled meeting for Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The Commissioners decided to cancel the meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 due to the Monday holiday.

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair discussed the KDOT meeting that was held on Wednesday. The local projects discussed were the Hwy 7 upgrade, the request for a blinking stop sign at the Hwy 7 & 126 junction, and expansion on Hwy 160. Commissioner Blair gave a summary on what was discussed on each project. Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Johnson discussed federal money coming to the state for bridge projects and developing a plan for a pilot program for paved roads and bridges.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-073)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 12:15 PM.

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 11:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:11 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: March 1, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner from Greenbush to address ARPA Funding.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: February 21, 2022** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of President's Day.

**Item Two: February 22, 2022** – The regularly scheduled meeting 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

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [February 18, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:12 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken by [BKW 2/18/2022 12:12 PM/amended BKW 2/24/2022 10:30 AM](#)