

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, TENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, February 9, 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 (21-050)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 5, 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	45	The consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 2, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	46	To approve the 2021 rock bids as recommended by Triad Engineering
Motion 21	47	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 21	48	To recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes
Motion 21	49	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the employee evaluations under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:20 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

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-051)** 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 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.

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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair discussed the salt situation due to the inclement weather.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody discussed new trucks for the road foremen and handing their trucks down to the lead men. Commissioner Moody will look into this and readdress at a later date.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the 2021 funding requests for Elderly, Historical, Parks and Recreation and Special Alcohol funding. The Commissioners went through the Elderly requests and made their decisions on the amounts to award the organizations. The Commissioners discussed the Parks & Recreation requests and Mr. Pyle stated that this fund is normally divided equally between the organizations. The Commissioners decided to award each organization that requested Parks & Recreation funding an amount of \$240.00 as presented by Mr. Pyle leaving a small amount in the fund should it be needed during the year. The Commissioners went through the Historical fund requests. Commissioner Johnson stated that there is a new request this year from Osage Township and after speaking with one of the township officers they were able to come up with an alternate solution for their request and they agreed to have their request removed. They discussed the remaining requests and made the decision on what to award

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each organization. The Commissioners discussed the Special Alcohol funding and it was decided to award the 2 organizations the amount requested.

**On motion (21-052)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to award the distribution of 2021 Elderly, Parks & Recreation, Elderly and Special Alcohol funding as approved by the Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody addressed repairs to the landfill road and he stated that he spoke with Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and due to the weather, the project will have to be put on hold.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody requested that Mr. Emerson update the Commissioners on his conversation with the City of Pittsburg about Crawford County Sewer District #2 (W 4<sup>th</sup> St). Mr. Emerson said the he spoke with Daron Hall, Pittsburg City Manager and Mr. Hall stated that the Pittsburg City Commissioners have been made aware of their error in billing to the sewer district and they would like the county to formalize a motion as to their request on how they would like the overpayment to be issued back to the county. Mr. Emerson stated that approximately \$120,000 is owed to the county from the City of Pittsburg due to past billing errors. Mr. Emerson stated that the overages that were paid to the City over the years were paid out of the General Fund.

**On motion (21-053)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 4<sup>th</sup> St).

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-054)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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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 12, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Work Session to discuss road planning with the 3 road foremen, Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards.

**Item Two: February 12, 2021 –** Ms. Taylor Hogue, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission update.

#### **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 Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [February 9, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:13 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 2/9/2021 11:13 AM/amended BKW 2/11/2021 2:10 PM