

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Friday, July 24, 2020 10:15 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 (20-300)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 21, 2020 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:

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| Motion 20 | 291 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 17, 2020 minutes   |
| Motion 20 | 292 | To approve Option 2 as presented by the Crawford County Recovery Task Force for the disbursement of the SPARK-CARES Act funding and authorize the Chairman to sign |
| Motion 20 | 293 | To approve the proposed distribution categories as presented by the Crawford County Recovery Taskforce for the SPARK-CARES Act funding                             |
| Motion 20 | 294 | To approve the on-line application for reimbursement for SPARK-CARES Act funding as proposed by the Greenbush Service Center                                       |
| Motion 20 | 295 | To approve the Memo of Agreement Addendum Contract between the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and Crawford                                    |

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|           |     | County Commission for administrative and financial administration to successfully disperse SPARK funding and authorize the Chairman to sign  |
| Motion 20 | 296 | To approve the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy and the Code of Conduct for Crawford County Kansas and authorize the Chairman to sign  |
| Motion 20 | 297 | To approve the Agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers. P.A. and the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas for engineering services for the replacement of County Bridge No. 179  |
| Motion 20 | 298 | 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 landfill contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Pete Peterson and Mr. Rod Turner and to reconvene by 11:55 AM |
| Motion 20 | 299 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Coordinator Position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:05 PM   |

### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Dr. Stebbins stated that as of Wednesday there have been 360 cases in Crawford County from the onset and that Bourbon County has had 47 cases and Cherokee County has had 63. Dr. Stebbins said that Crawford County currently has 43 cases in isolation and 66 persons in quarantine. He explained that Via Christi hospital currently has 4 positive cases and 1 person under investigation and Girard Medical Center has none. Dr. Stebbins explained Dr. Bean's and his take on the current situation. He stated that they are watching data that is more current than the data available on the KDHE website therefore their level of concern is lower due to this data. He stated that the county is still not overwhelmed in hospitals or clinics and we have had only 2 deaths to date. He stated that they are looking at how this impacts different age groups due to the concerns of schools and they are making decisions that decrease the impact for our students, our faculty and our community. He explained that the health officials will help the different entities with their plans for re-opening, mitigation and the care of those involved. Dr. Stebbins discussed concerns with testing and explained that testing is not the only tool for managing this disease and that the impact both medically and economically are just as important. He said that testing can be beneficial in symptomatic patients and for cluster testing. He stated that testing will be improving significantly in the near future. He discussed the new testing machines that are ordered. He explained that the current impact of this virus is less than what they saw last flu season including deaths. Dr. Stebbins discussed the emails with concerns the health officials have been receiving and stated that all the concerns will be addressed. Dr. Bean explained that they are looking at science and data but are also members of the communities and they are looking at our community and the people and their children

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that live here and they have the same concerns. Dr. Bean stated that Crawford County was on track to become a hot spot but the decisions made and community support of wearing face masks in public are why we are seeing containment. Commissioner Blair asked about testing and Dr. Stebbins explained that testing is focused on medical necessity. Commissioner Johnson asked about the number of tests versus positive tests and Dr. Bean explained how the data is compiled and positivity rates. There was a discussion on different types of testing. Dr. Bean and Dr. Stebbins discussed using statistics and percentages and also trends. Dr. Bean expressed how important it is to have plans in place and to get information out to the public that decisions that are being made and the reasons for those decisions. Dr. Stebbins stated that they are working to help the schools, students, parents and the community get the right information to decrease anxiety and the rumor mill. Dr. Bean stated that it takes a while to compile the information and to make sure it is right before putting it out to the public.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-301)** 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Stebbins, Dr. Bean, Rebecca Adamson and Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:57 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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item Two:** Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners in reference to reimbursements and direct funding for the SPARK funds and presented the documentation to the Commissioners. Ms. Adamson discussed the statutes that the Health Departments in the state are required to follow and that if the Health Department isn't properly funded or staffed, they will not be able to respond to the needs of the community or do their job at 100%. She explained how important the funding is to the department. Mr. Adamson stated that the requests submitted on the list for Spark Funding are things that are needed for public health to respond to this pandemic.

Mr. Ehling discussed the Mental Health Department's requests for reimbursement and direct funding for the SPARK funding and explained the requests submitted. He also presented the request for RJA's request for reimbursement and direct funding.

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### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Southeast Kansas Regional Education Service Center, Greenbush addressed the Commissioners in reference to SPARK funding. He presented the application for the Small Business and Not for Profit process. He explained how the applications will be processed.

There was a discussion on the non-public schools applying for funding.

**On motion (20-302)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Business and Not for Profit Plan as recommend by the Crawford County Recovery Task Force.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

There was a discussion on time lines for requests and the preliminary budget.

**On motion (20-303)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve initial budget for the SPARK CARES Act Funding for Crawford County with the possibility of modifications in the future.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that there have been over 3,000 ballots mailed out so far for the 2020 Primary Election and they have received several voted ballots back in the mail. He stated that Tuesday, July 28, 2020 is the last day ballots can be sent out by mail.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented information on the CDGB-CV. He handed out the Program Parameters and revised application from the state. He explained that The City of Frontenac was awarded their own money and will no longer be under the county's grant. He explained the changes to the program parameters. There was a discussion on the applications for the committee members.

**On motion (20-304)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Crawford County CDBG-CV Grant Program Parameters.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Mr. Emerson stated that the Commissioners can review the application and readdress it on Tuesday and review the committee applications at that time also.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody discussed the new county health officials being paid and Mr. Emerson stated that they will be paid at the end of this month.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair discussed the requests for reimbursements and direct funding for the SPARK funding. Mr. Emerson stated that there are two options. He stated the requests can be reviewed after they are all put into the portal or they can be reviewed before they are put into the portal. He stated that some of the expenses may not be eligible. Commissioner Blair stated that he feels it would be more beneficial to review the requests before they are put into the portal. Mr. Emerson suggested that Greenbush review the requests before the work session. The Commissioners scheduled a work session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 to review SPARK funding requests.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair discussed assisting the Fair Board with hand sanitizer and other items for the Crawford County Fair and he will follow up with Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins on this issue.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Commissioner Johnson stated that today is the last day for applications for the Public Information Officer and Mr. Emerson stated that the applications will be reviewed next week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 28, 2020 – 8:00 AM** Work Session to review and sign July bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: July 28, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work Session to discuss SPARK funding requests for reimbursement and direct funding.

**Item Three: July 28, 2020 –** Work Session to discuss 2021 County Budget after the Regular Session.

**Item Four: July 28, 2020 –** Mr. Terry Sercer, CPA addressing the 2019 Audit.

**Item Five: July 31, 2020 –** Fence Viewing at 1:00 PM located in the 400 South Block of 270<sup>th</sup> Street. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

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## 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 [July 24, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:55 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 7/24/2020 11:55 AM/amended BKW 7/27/2020 4:00 PM](#)