

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, FORTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, June 25, 2019 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.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (19-188) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the June 21, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 19	185	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 18, 2019 minutes.
Motion 19	186	To approve the recommendation of the CVB Advisory Board to provide funds for the Girard History Museum from the Crawford County Historical and Museum Fund for a 6 month probationary period.
Motion 19	187	To Close the Crawford County Courthouse on July 4 and July 5, 2019 for the Independence Day Holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he attended the County Counselor meeting in Salina on Friday. He explained some legislative updates that were discussed in the meeting. He spoke about a constitutional amendment for County home rule. He stated that the Cities currently have constitutional home rule and the counties have statutory home rule. He discussed county self-help and stated that several years ago the county cleaned up nuisance properties and assessed the costs to the tax rolls but the courts decided that the counties do not have the same authority as constitutional home rule and cannot run the self-help program in the same way as cities. Mr. Emerson explained that it was a great way to take care of the nuisance issues as the landowners either cleaned up their property to avoid assessment to taxes or the county took care of the clean-up and was either reimbursed by the landowner or assessed the costs to the property taxes. He stated that the issue will continue to be worked on in the legislature but will probably not be passed next year. He said that the county should have more control over their local matters. He explained that Kansas Farm Bureau had concerns over controlling local farmers and it was discussed being proposed as a nuisance issue only. Mr. Emerson stated that another legislative item that was discussed was LAVTR (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction) and trying to get some of those funds back to the counties. He said that the county received LAVTR until 2003 and the State took it away in the middle of the year and it hit the county hard in the middle of a budget year. He explained that it was approximately \$675,000 that was lost in those funds. He explained that the monies came from the state and it is still in the statutes but they have not paid it for several years.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson stated that his Road Foreman Ben Cannon contacted him and stated that an ice machine is needed for the Road District #3 building in Pittsburg. Mr. Johnson stated that Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards informed him that the ice machine located in the Girard building is rented from CDL for \$75.00 a month and she will get a quote from CDL for a machine for the Pittsburg building. There was a discussion of how much time was spent picking up ice for their water coolers and how expensive it is to buy ice.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated he should have the first draft of the budget ready for the Commissioners on Friday. He said that he will hopefully have the draft ready to email to the Commissioners by Wednesday.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed the blade attachments for the motor graders that were demonstrated for the grader operators. He stated that he feels that they are well worth the cost. He stated that he has a quote for 4 blades at a total price of \$3,069.00. He stated that the representative from the company is going to come back and do additional

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training with the crews. He spoke about the roads the blades were used on and how well the work had held up even with the amount of rain received.

On motion (19-189) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of 4 BMX 500 Blades and Mounting Boards for the Motor Graders from DMC Wear Parts LLC for a total price of \$3,069.00.

Yeas: Commissioner Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed the dump trucks and stated that his district has 2 dump trucks not working. He presented a quote from Summit Truck Group for a remanufactured engine to repair one of the dump trucks. He suggested paying for the costs out of the money that was received from selling Road and Bridge vehicles and other equipment on Purple Wave. Mr. Emerson stated that approximately \$35,000 was received from Purple Wave for the items sold.

On motion (19-190) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of a remanufactured engine from Summit Truck Group to repair a dump truck for the Road & Bridge Department for a total cost of \$13,850.00.

Yeas: Commissioner Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Blair discussed the purchase of new dump trucks and graders and it was decided to wait until Commissioner Moody was present for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 28, 2019 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign June bill and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: June 28, 2019 – Ms. Susan Perry, Fiscal Director SEK Area Agency on Aging, to discuss Elderly Fund Distributions for 2020.

Item Three: June 28, 2019 – Mr. Jim Zibert, Earle's Engineering, update on Sewer Dist. 3 forced main relocation.

Item Four: June 28, 2019 – Mr. Mac Young, regarding the District Court Budget for 2020.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 4, and July 5, 2019 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Item Two: July 5, 2019 – The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is cancelled.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [June 25, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:26 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 BKW 6/25/19 10:26 AM/amended BKW 6/26/19 2:30 PM](#)