

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, FIFTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, March 5, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle 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**

**Some items were incorrect on the minutes and those items were corrected and the minutes were approved at the end of the meeting. The motions were also signed at the end of the meeting.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** County Zoning Administrator, Troy Graham, regarding a Resolution to reappoint 3 zoning board members. Mr. Graham stated that the terms for 3 of the zoning board members were expiring and that he would like to have those 3 members appointed to new terms. Commissioner Johnson was answered that there are 9 total members on the Planning & Zoning Board with 3 members from each of the 3 commission districts. It was discussed that the board members are appointed to 3 year terms and that 1 member from each district is up for appointment each year. Commissioner Moody stated that the county is fortunate to have good people that are willing to devote their time to this work with little reward.

**On motion (19-070)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution Number 2019-009, a Resolution to appoint Charles (Bob) Gilmore, Kathy Flora and Gary Edwards to terms on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and the Joint Board of Zoning Appeals from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2022. Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Mr. John Shaw, regarding an article he read about the proposed wind turbine projects in the north part of the county. Mr. Shaw has leased some of his farm ground to this company and he was wondering if the commissioners had heard when construction might begin on this project. Mr. Graham, Zoning Director, stated that he spoke with a representative of Apex Energy, the wind developer, recently and they stated that their proposed starting date in Crawford County had been moved back due to the slow progress they are making in Neosho County. Commissioner Blair stated that he hopes to look at implementing some zoning rules that will at least make the developers liable for damages to county roads and implement some minimum setbacks for towers from residential or other properties. There was a discussion of the effect on property values and other issues that come with the development of wind farms. It was discussed that there is a lot of information available on these developments and that it is not all accurate. Commissioner Johnson stated that the county is hosting a work session at 9:00 AM on Friday to discuss issues that relate to zoning and development in the county. Mr. Shaw stated that he would like to know when the county receives any additional information on this proposed project.

## MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk, Don Pyle, regarding the Aid to Local Grant application that will be presented to the commissioners on March 8, 2019, by Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Public Health Officer. Mr. Pyle stated that the summary sign off sheet that he handed out shows the total amounts being applied for in each of the 9 separate grant categories by the Crawford County Health Dept. Mr. Pyle stated that the 9 separate grant applications entail about 75 pages of documents and it also contains some information on competitive grant applications that should not be made public until after the grants are awarded. He stated that he would email scanned copies of the grant applications to the commissioners for their review. Mr. Pyle also stated that County Health Dept. Administrative Officer, Rick Pfeiffer, emphasized that it was important to have the application approved on Friday so that the application can be submitted to the state. Mr. Pyle stated that the format for these grants has not changed much in the 12 years that he has been county clerk.

**Item Two:** County Counselor, Jim Emerson, regarding additional work that must be completed before the grant application for the radio tower can be submitted. Mr. Emerson stated that he had a quote for services from Hayden Tower Co. for these items, but he wondered if Mr. Ron Albertini, County Surveyor, could perform the topographic survey to help save some money. It was discussed that the charges for services by Hayden Tower matched up well with the estimated costs on the original cost estimate for construction of the tower. It was discussed that the timeline on this project is very tight.

**On motion (19-071)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Proposal for Services from Hayden Tower Company except for the Topographic Survey.

## Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair regarding the graders that need to be replaced. Mr. Blair stated that the Caterpillar representative had visited the shop and was going to put together a bid for replacement of some graders. It was also discussed that Greg Hite had some information on maintenance items that need to be performed on some dump trucks.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson mentioned that he was pleased with the agenda packet that he received via email and that it was helpful that it included the supporting documents for the meeting.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

**On motion (19-072)** 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Surveyor Ron Albertini and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:48 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**This was moved to the end of the meeting due to needed corrections.**

**On motion (19-073)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 1, 2019** 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

## Board of Crawford County Commissioners

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

Motion 19	67	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 26, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	68	To approve the February 2019 Clerk's Report as presented.
Motion 19	69	To approve the Proposal for Phase I Environmental Assessment between Crawford County, Kansas, and Triad Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,965 and Authorize the Chairman to Sign.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: March 8, 9:00 AM** – Work Session with representatives of City of Pittsburg regarding a plan for development.

**Item Two: March 8** - Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer, presenting the Aid to Local Grant Application.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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 [March 5, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:50 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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

◇

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

[Taken DPP 3/05/19 at 10:50 AM,](#)