

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, FORTIETH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, May 19, 2020 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (20-212)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the May 15, 2020 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 20	206	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 12, 2020 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 598456 to 598679 dated May 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$292,594.78
Motion 20	207	To approve the Crawford County order put forth by the Crawford County Health Officer and the Crawford County Board of Health in conjunction with Governor Laura Kelly's Executive Order 20-31 to become effective May 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	208	To approve the Restorative Justice Authority FY2021 Kansas Department of Corrections Regional Collaboration Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	209	To approve a donation to Labette County in the amount of \$1,000 to help support the valuation appeal to the Supreme Court on oil wells and leases

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Motion 20	210	To approve the Change Order #6 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. in the amount of \$-408.67 and the Final Contractor's Application for Payment No. 5 from Heck & Wicker, Inc via Earle's Engineering & Inspection in the amount of \$29,061.84 included in the Close Out Package on the Crawford County Sewer District # 3 Force Main Relocation Project and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	211	To recess this open session for a period of 10 minutes and to reconvene at 11:35 AM

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

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

**Item One:** County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners regarding the COVID 19 outbreak. Ms. Adamson stated that Mr. John Kuefler from DevSquared LLC emailed her and stated that he needed a signed letter of support from the Crawford County Board of Health to be able to submit the Check-In Crawford County App that his company is developing to Google. Commissioner Blair stated that as long as it is voluntary, he sees no issue with this. Ms. Adamson stated that Mr. Kuefler has made the changes she requested and that participation is all voluntary.

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Crawford County

Health Department

05/19/2020

To Whom it May Concern:

The Crawford County Board of Health has reviewed and is in support of the Check-In Crawford County App that is being developed by DevSquared LLC in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

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Commissioner Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Blair', written above a horizontal line.

Commissioner Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Moody', written above a horizontal line.

Commissioner Signature

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**On motion (20-213)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter of support of the Check-In Crawford County App that is being developed by DevSquared LLC in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Ms. Adamson discussed the T-shirts for a fundraiser and said that the cost of the shirts will run from \$4 to \$5 each. She suggested that the shirts sell for \$10.00 each and discussed setting up a fund for the profits to go to, possibly to local food banks. She discussed how many shirts to order and who would sell them. Commissioner Moody requested that County Clerk Don Pyle contact the County offices to see who would be interested in selling the shirts for the fundraiser. It was decided to order 300 shirts to start out with.

Ms. Adamson spoke about an issue with the bowling alley in Pittsburg this weekend. She stated that she did have verbal permission and an email from KDHE allowing the bowling alley to open. She explained that she was notified on Saturday by KDHE that the Governor's office had contacted them and was told that the bowling alley needed to be closed down, which she took care of on Saturday. She stated that there are still complaints coming in about local bar and grills and explained some of the issues. She stated that it is the duty of the Health Office and Local Board of Health by statute to enforce the regulations by working with local law enforcement. She stated that she can call and speak to those business owners and send letters to ask them to follow guidelines and the Commissioners asked for Ms. Adamson to do this before going to law enforcement.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Jeff McKain, General Manager of Kansas Crossing Casino, addressed the Commissioners. He gave some background information on himself and stated that he started with Kansas Crossing Casino at pre-opening as the Director of Gaming Operations and took over the position of General Manager in late March. He stated that he submitted his re-opening plan to Ms. Adamson and she asked that he speak with the Commissioners and answer any questions they may have about the plan. Mr. McKain went through the details of the re-opening plan with the Commissioners and explained the steps and precautions that will be taken upon re-opening. Commissioner Blair stated that it is in the County's best interest to keep residents local and give them venues to stay local. Ms. Adamson stated that Crawford County has no reason to be more restrictive as Crawford County does not have the numbers to justify being more restrictive. Mr. McKain stated that any support from the Commissioners for the casino re-opening would be greatly appreciated. Mr. McKain explained the communication he has received from the State about re-opening of Kansas casinos. The Commissioners discussed supporting the opening of other venues in Crawford County. Ms. Adamson explained her concerns of Crawford County's citizens going to other counties and states for entertainment and recreation. There was a discussion on sports practicing and tournaments. Commissioner Johnson stated that he approves the letter of support for the re-opening of recreational and entertainment venues as long as there are certain guidelines put in place and it is under local control.

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First District  
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**Jeremy Johnson**  
Third District



May 15, 2020

The Honorable Laura Kelly  
Kansas State Capitol  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 241S  
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Dear Governor Kelly:

I am the Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Crawford County, I request that you authorize the reopening of the Kansas Crossing Casino subject to reasonable common-sense guidelines that will ensure the safety of casino staff and patrons. We believe this step is necessary to begin the arduous task of stabilizing our local economy of which Kansas Crossing is a major employer and an important contributor to the economic viability of the region. At the same time, we believe Kansas Crossing can be reopened in a manner that protects the health and safety of our citizens.

As you are no doubt aware, Crawford County and the surrounding counties in southeast Kansas have experienced a very low number of COVID-19 cases relative to other areas of Kansas. Southwest Missouri and northeast Oklahoma have likewise seen a relatively low number of cases. Our local Board of Health has been quick to act and identify any potential cases and exposures. We sincerely appreciate the guidance and support that you have provided along with that of Dr. Norman and his team. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has officially rescinded the Crawford County stay at home order. Likewise, on May 5, 2020, the Board in consultation with the Crawford County Board of Health endorsed Executive Order 20-29.

I am, however, very concerned about the delay in reopening the Kansas Crossing Casino through Executive Order 20-31. Thousands of citizens in our area rely on some type of direct or indirect financial support from Kansas Crossing. Kansas Crossing is a major employer and economic driver for Crawford County and Southeast Kansas, and its revenues also go to support local governmental activities and programs offered by the Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Training Center of Crawford County and Pittsburg State University. The short-term economic forecast for our area is bleak, and time is of the essence to reopen our key employers while taking necessary steps to ensure that employees and customers remain safe.

Given the low incidence of COVID-19 in our area, I do not believe that Kansas Crossing Casino should be treated in the same manner as public places in areas of Kansas more adversely affected. I also believe that we have a unique opportunity to implement and evaluate safety guidelines and protocols through the reopening of Kansas Crossing, and use what we learn to

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safely open other public venues in the future. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners along with the Crawford County Board of Health welcomes the opportunity to work with you, Dr. Norman and Kansas Crossing to ensure that the reopening of Kansas Crossing is done in a manner that ensures that there will be no undue transmission of COVID-19.

I appreciate your consideration of how important Kansas Crossing's reopening is to our area. I respectfully urge you to reopen Kansas Crossing immediately, and on a timeline consistent with the reopening of the casinos in northeast Oklahoma. Crawford County and the surrounding area desperately need the relief. I look forward to working with you and your leadership team to accomplish this task.

Sincerely,



Bruce Blair, Chairman

**On motion (20-214)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Letter of Support to Governor Laura Kelly for the re-opening of the Kansas Crossing Casino and authorize the Chairman.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (20-215)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve drafting a letter of support for the re-opening of other recreational and entertainment venues in Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling gave a brief update on the Mental Health Center.

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Sheriff Danny Smith stated that he is anticipating re-opening the lobby of the Jail and Sheriff's office on Monday, June 1, 2020 and they are still doing drive through VIN inspections.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

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**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented a press release from the Kansas Association of Counties addressing proposed legislation on waiving the interest and fees for the 2019 seconded half property tax payments that were due on May 11, 2020. Mr. Pyle explained the proposed legislation and the reasons KAC is asking the legislature not to go forward with changing the 2019 tax payments but to enlist the aid of a study committee to recommend potential solutions for the first half 2020 property tax payment due in December of 2020.



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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 15, 2020

News Contact: Kimberly Qualls, (785) 213-4717 or [qualls@kansascounties.org](mailto:qualls@kansascounties.org)

### **KAC Requests Legislative Focus Shift to 2020 Property Tax Payments**

**Topeka, Kan.** – The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) is aware of current proposed legislation to waive the interest and fees for second half property tax payments that were due on May 11, 2020. According to Sharon Gaede, Lyon County Treasurer and President of the Kansas County Treasurers Association (KCTA), “We polled our KCTA members as to the current delinquency rate for 2019 property tax payments compared to the same timeframe for 2018 tax payments, and we determined that on average there was approximately a one percent difference.”

This one percent difference means that 99 percent of the amount of property tax payments made in May 2019 have already been paid as of May 11, 2020. Many of the delinquent taxpayers are those that have been consistently delinquent over time. Kansas county

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treasurers have already been working with local taxpayers to set up payment plans for their property taxes.

KAC plans to ask the Kansas legislature to enlist the aid of a study committee to recommend potential solutions for the first half property tax payment due in December 2020. While Kansas counties collect the property taxes, only 29.13 percent of the tax funds collected are actually retained by counties. The remainder goes to other taxing jurisdictions, including the state, cities, school districts, community colleges, libraries, water districts, drainage districts, and more. For that reason, KAC recommends that stakeholders such as cities, school districts, hospitals and other taxing jurisdictions serve on the study committee to better understand how changes to tax collections and disbursements would impact local services.

The Kansas Association of Counties is a quasi-public agency, which seeks to advance the public interest by promoting effective, responsive county government in Kansas. Founded in 1975, as an instrumentality of its member counties, KAC serves county governments through: legislative representation, technical assistance, leadership, and professional education.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson discussed the City of Pittsburg waste water treatment facility and stated that Mr. Ed McKechnie contacted him and stated that the City of Pittsburg is asking for a \$10,000,000 grant from the US Economic Development Agency for the City of Pittsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant and the city would like a letter of support for the grant application from the Commissioners.



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K A N S A S

May 19, 2020

Economic Development Agency  
United States Department of Commerce  
Kansas City, Missouri

Attention: Mark Werthmann

Re: Grant EM-3412, City of Pittsburg, Kansas

To Whom It May Concern:

The Crawford County Commission enthusiastically supports the grant application for the City of Pittsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant. Pittsburg and the communities in our county very hit hard by the heavy rains and flooding events in 2019 that impacted the City and damaged the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. We fully support the City's grant application with the US Economic Development Administration.

The Commission asks grant evaluators to consider three key points in the grant request:

1. The new wastewater treatment plant is being designed to improve filtration of existing wastewater treatment needs; it will have the capacity to handle future growth for the City; and it is being designed to provide regional support to other nearby communities.
2. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) supports the construction of this project. The City of Pittsburg has approached this project with the thoughtfulness and the attention to detail to make sure that the needs of the entire community are met; consideration for neighboring cities; and Pittsburg has worked hand in hand with the State of Kansas exerting every effort to build the right facility in cooperation with state experts.
3. Pittsburg is in an economically depressed area. They have one of the highest rates of poverty in the state and can ill-afford to bear the full cost of the improvements to this Wastewater Treatment Facility alone.

It is clear there has been considerable planning and forethought put into this project and we are confident it can be completed in a timely manner and bring value to both the citizens in the community and those downstream. Your approval of \$10 million of EDA grant funds to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas for the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be greatly appreciated.

I urge your prompt attention and positive response.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman Bruce Blair

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson

Commissioner Tom Moody

**On motion (20-216)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a Letter of Support for the City of Pittsburg's request for \$10,000,000 from the US Economic Development Administration for a Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a CDBG-CV application. He stated that he contacted the City of Arma and the City of Frontenac and the City of Arma stated that they are going to stay under the county's grant application and the City of Frontenac stated that they are going to apply for funds on their own. Mr. Emerson explained that the County's grant application will cover the entire county with the exception of the City of Pittsburg, the City of Girard and the City of Frontenac. He went through the documents included in the application and stated that there will be a public hearing on Friday, May 22, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the County Commission Room.

THE CITY/COUNTY OF Crawford, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-008

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZATION

TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV

FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, The City/County of Crawford, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS, and

WHEREAS, The City/County of Crawford, Kansas, intends to submit an application for assistance from CARES Act under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby certifies that the City/County of Crawford, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity under the status of the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS and thereby has the authority to apply for assistance from the CARES Act under the KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the MAYOR/COMMISSIONER of Crawford, Kansas, to act as the applicant's official representative in signing and submitting an application for the assistance to the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

As Chief Elected Official of the City/County of Crawford, I hereby certify that I have knowledge of all activities in the above-referenced application.

THE APPLICANT hereby dedicates \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in matching funds toward this project

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF Crawford, KANSAS,  
this 19 day of May, 2020.

APPROVED [Signature]  
MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

ATTEST [Signature]  
(SEAL)



THE CITY/COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, KANSAS

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**PUBLIC HEARING NO-  
TICE  
APPLICATION FOR CD-  
BG FUNDS  
CRAWFORD COUNTY**

Crawford County will hold a public hearing on, May 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room, County Courthouse, 111 E. Forest, Girard, KS, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CDBG-CV category. The specific project application to be discussed is for the Economic Development program within the county limits of Crawford County excluding the cities of Pittsburg and Girard. The maximum amount of the grant request will be for \$300,000 for both micro and regular business assistance category. This meeting may also be viewed live on the Crawford County Website at [www.crawford-countykansas.org](http://www.crawford-countykansas.org). Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the County Clerk, at 620-724-6115, before noon, May 21, 2020.

**On motion (20-217)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2020-008, a Resolution Certifying Legal Authority and Authorization to Apply for the CDBG-CV From the Kansas Department of Commerce and to approve the CDBG-CV Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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## Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Approval No. 2510-0011 (exp. 11/30/2018)

**Instructions.** (See Public Reporting Statement and Privacy Act Statement and detailed instructions on page 2.)

### Applicant/Recipient Information

Indicate whether this is an Initial Report  or an Update Report

1. Applicant/Recipient Name, Address, and Phone (include area code): Crawford County, 111 E. Forest, Girard, KS 66743 620-724-6115	2. Social Security Number or Employer ID Number: 48-6042132
3. HUD Program Name Community Development Block Grant - CV	4. Amount of HUD Assistance Requested/Received \$300,000
5. State the name and location (street address, City and State) of the project or activity: Within the county boundaries of Crawford County except the City of Pittsburg, City of Girard, and the City of Frontenac, KS	

### Part I Threshold Determinations

1. Are you applying for assistance for a specific project or activity? These terms do not include formula grants, such as public housing operating subsidy or CDBG block grants. (For further information see 24 CFR Sec. 4.3). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Have you received or do you expect to receive assistance within the jurisdiction of the Department (HUD), involving the project or activity in this application, in excess of \$200,000 during this fiscal year (Oct. 1 - Sep. 30)? For further information, see 24 CFR Sec. 4.9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No.
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If you answered "No" to either question 1 or 2, **Stop!** You do not need to complete the remainder of this form. **However,** you must sign the certification at the end of the report.

### Part II Other Government Assistance Provided or Requested / Expected Sources and Use of Funds.

Such assistance includes, but is not limited to, any grant, loan, subsidy, guarantee, insurance, payment, credit, or tax benefit.

Department/State/Local Agency Name and Address	Type of Assistance	Amount Requested/Provided	Expected Uses of the Funds
None			

(Note: Use Additional pages if necessary.)

### Part III Interested Parties. You must disclose:

- All developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for the assistance or in the planning, development, or implementation of the project or activity and
- any other person who has a financial interest in the project or activity for which the assistance is sought that exceeds \$50,000 or 10 percent of the assistance (whichever is lower).

Alphabetical list of all persons with a reportable financial interest in the project or activity (For individuals, give the last name first)	Social Security No. or Employee ID No.	Type of Participation in Project/Activity	Financial Interest in Project/Activity (\$ and %)

(Note: Use Additional pages if necessary.)

### Certification

**Warning:** If you knowingly make a false statement on this form, you may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code. In addition, any person who knowingly and materially violates any required disclosures of information, including intentional non-disclosure, is subject to civil money penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation. I certify that this information is true and complete.

Signature:	Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) 05/19/2020
X _____	

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**Project Budget Form:**

Activity	CDBG-CV Funds	Other Funds	Total Cost	Source of Other Funds
1. <b>Micro-Grant (MG)</b>	?			
a.)				
<b>Total, MG</b>				
2. <b>Economic Development (ED)</b>	?			
a.)				
<b>Total, ED Activities</b>	285,000		285,000	
3. <b>Support for Meals Programs</b>				
a.)				
b.)				
c.)				
d.)				
e.)				
<b>Total, Support for Meals Programs</b>				
4. <b>Administration</b>	15,000		15,000	
a.) <b>Administrative Activities</b>				
b.) <b>Legal**</b>				
c.) <b>Audit</b>				
<b>Total, Administration</b>	15,000		15,000	
5. <b>Total, All Activities</b>	300,000		300,000	

\* Other professional services, please explain:

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\*\* Provide explanation of need of these expenses:

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## STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The applicant hereby assures and certifies with respect to the grant that:

- (1) It possesses legal authority to make a grant submission and to execute a community development and housing program.
- (2) Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion, or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to submit the final statement, all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to act in connection with the submission of the final statement and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- (3) Prior to submission of its application to Commerce, the grantee has met the citizen participation requirements, prepared its application of community development objectives and projected use of funds, and made the application available to the public, as required by Section 104(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and implemented at 24 CFR 570.486.
- (4) It has developed its final statement (application) of projected use of funds so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; the final statement (application) of projected use of funds may also include activities that the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available.
- (5) Its chief executive officer or other officer of the grantee approved by Commerce:
  - (a) Consents to assume the status of a responsible federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other provisions of federal law as specified in 24 CFR 58.1(a);
  - (b) Is authorized and consents on behalf of the grantee and himself/herself to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of his/her responsibilities as such an official; and
- (6) The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with the following federal and state regulations (see Appendix A: Applicable Laws and Regulations):
  - (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR Part 1;
  - (b) Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, as amended, administering all programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing; and will take action to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing, and the provision of brokerage services;
  - (c) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Section 570.602);
  - (d) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended; and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135;

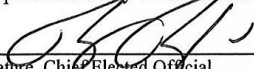
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- (e) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086 and implementing regulations issued at 41 CFR Chapter 60;
  - (f) Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 107;
  - (g) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), as amended and implementing regulations when published for effect;
  - (h) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (Pub. L. 94-135), and implementing regulations when published for effect;
  - (i) The relocation requirements of Title II and the acquisition requirements of Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR 570.488;
  - (j) Anti-displacement and relocation plan requirements of Section 104(d) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
  - (k) Relocation payment requirements of Section 105(a)(11) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
  - (l) The labor standards requirements as set forth in 24 CFR 570.603 and HUD regulations issued to implement such requirements;
  - (m) Executive Order 11988 relating to the evaluation of flood hazards and Executive Order 11288 relating to the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution;
  - (n) The regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and A-122 as they relate to the acceptance and use of federal funds under this federally assisted program;
  - (o) The American Disabilities Act (ADA) (P.L. 101-336; 42 U.S.C. 12101) provides disabled people access to employment, public accommodations, public services, transportation, and telecommunications;
- (7) The conflict of interest provisions of 24 CFR 570.489 apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the state, or of a unit of general local government, or of any designated public agencies, or sub recipients which are receiving CDBG funds. None of these persons may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter, and that it shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this certification;
- (8) It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act that limits the political activity of employee;
- (9) It will comply with the provisions of 24-CFR-200.
- (10) It will give the state, HUD, and the Comptroller General or any authorized representative access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant;

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- (11) It will comply with the lead-based paint requirements of 24 CFR Part 35 Subpart B issued pursuant to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Elimination Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.).
- (12) The local government will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or in part with CDBG funds by assessing properties owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income persons unless: (a) CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of such assessment that relates to non CDBG funding or; (b) the local government certifies to the state that, for the purposes of assessing properties owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income persons who are not very low-income, that the local government does not have sufficient CDBG funds to comply with the provision of (a) above.
- (13) It accepts the terms, conditions, selection criteria, and procedures established by this program description and that it waives any right it may have to challenge the legitimacy and the propriety of these terms, conditions, criteria, and procedures in the event that its application is not selected for CDBG funding.
- (14) It will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements with respect to the acceptance and use of federal funds for this federally assisted program.
- (15) It will comply with all parts of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which have not been cited previously as well as with other applicable laws.

The applicant hereby certifies that it will comply with the above stated assurances.

 _____ Signature, Chief Elected Official	Bruce Blair _____ Name (typed or printed)
Chairman _____ Title	May 19, 2020 _____ Date

To Whom It May Concern:

As Chief Elected Official of the City/County of       <sup>Crawford</sup>, I hereby certify that I have knowledge of all activities in the above-referenced application. I also certify that I am aware that the regulations of the CDBG program prevent the use of any facility built or rehabilitated with CDBG funds, or any portion thereof, to be used for the conduct of official business. I therefore certify that no portion of the above application violates this regulation.

  
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Mayor/County Commission

ATTEST:

  
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City/County Clerk



# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

(Minimum required by all applicants for funding – must be submitted with application)

## Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended

The jurisdiction will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low- and moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low- moderate-income housing as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR Part 570.488.

All replacement housing will be provided within three years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the [jurisdiction] will make public and submit to the Kansas Department of Commerce the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low- and moderate-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as Section 104(d) replacement dwelling units;
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of Section 104(d) replacement dwelling units; and
6. The basis for concluding that each Section 104 (d) replacement dwelling unit will remain a low- and moderate-income dwelling unit for at least ten years from the date of initial occupancy.

The jurisdiction will provide relocation assistance, as described in Section 570.488 to each low- and moderate-income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a low- and moderate-income dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the act, the jurisdiction will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes:

Based on initial review of project, the following occupied dwellings (N/A) will be demolished with grant funds (should contain proposed demolitions):

As chief official of the jurisdiction, I hereby certify that the above plan was officially adopted by the jurisdiction of Crawford Co on the 19th day of May, 2020.

May 19, 2020

Date

  
Signature – Chief Elected Official

Commissioner Johnson discussed the allocation of funds in the grant application. He stated that he spoke to City of Pittsburg and the City of Girard and both cities stated that they are going to focus on small businesses and feels the county should do the same. Mr. Johnson felt that we can serve more of our local businesses by focusing on smaller firms. Commissioner Johnson will research the size of business outside Pittsburg, Girard and Frontenac and will readdress this at the hearing on Friday.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson updated the Commissioners of the status of the census mailer. He will readdress this issue on Friday.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody discussed the old landfill and he will be contacting Noxious Weed Director Ed Fields and his Road Foreman about having some dump trucks pick up some fill that was given to the county by a resident of Frontenac for some hot spots located in the old landfill.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (20-218)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss the landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

The Commissioners addressed the letter of support for the re-opening of other recreational and entertainment venues in Crawford County and it was decided to recess the open session for a period of 20 minutes to draft the letter.

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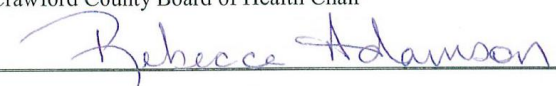
The Honorable Laura Kelly  
Governor of the State of Kansas  
300 S.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Topeka, Ks. 66612

Dear Governor Kelly,

We are writing to you today to request an exemption from the Governor's Executive Order 20-31. Crawford County has had no active cases of COVID-19 since April 30th. Crawford County, to-date, has had 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19. One of these cases was an unfortunate fatality involving a woman in her 40s who passed away at a local ER on March 30, 2020 and tested positive for COVID-19 post-mortem. In the other cases, each person was quarantined or isolated and the Department conducted contact tracing investigations. The remaining five cases involved residents who have recovered from the virus and are no longer in isolation. The confirmed incidence of COVID-19 among our residents (6 cases out of our population of approximately 38,000) is miniscule. Since we have also had 619 negative COVID-19 test results, only 1% of our tests have been positive and our County has had no confirmed cases of the virus since April 30, 2020.

The key COVID-19 related metrics for disease spread, hospitalization and death in Crawford County are also extremely favorable by virtually any measure. We have not seen widespread community transmission. The county has appropriate hospital capacity, enough PPE and the ability to test anyone that is symptomatic. Crawford County has met every benchmark set by the state. We have done our part to slow the spread and have flattened the curve. We are asking for you to exempt Crawford County from phase 1.5 of the Governor's plan. Crawford County is ready to safely move forward as a community. Please consider allowing Crawford County to follow the Governor's original plan, move us to Phase 2 and allow us to continue forward. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to your response.

  
Crawford County Board of Health Chair

  
Crawford County Health Officer

**On motion (20-219)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session for a period of 20 minutes and to reconvene at 11:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners called the meeting back to order at 11:45 AM.**

Ms. Adamson read the Letter of Support and explained that the letter is asking for exemption from phase 1.5 of the Governor's plan and that the county be allowed to move

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to Phase 2 which is what most of the counties in Kansas that have submitted letters have been asking for. There was a discussion of working on a joint effort with other counties to be able to move forward to Phase 2.

**On motion (20-220)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Letter of Support to Governor Laura Kelly asking for exemption from Phase 1.5 of the Governor's Plan to Reopen Kansas and to be allowed to move to Phase 2 of the plan and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: May 29, 2020 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign May bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: May 29, 2020** – Opening of Chip & Seal Oil bids.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One:** The Courthouse will be open to the public from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM until further notice. Anyone entering the building will be screened and required to maintain a 6-foot distancing guideline. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center.

**Item Two:** Starting May 4, 2020 there will be drive thru VIN Inspections available at the Sheriff's Department from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Item Three: May 25, 2020** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

### 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 [May 19, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 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:

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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 5/19/2020 11:50 AM/amended BKW 5/21/2020 10:30 AM