

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [THIRTY-FIFTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, May 5, 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 (20-194) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [April 28, 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:

Motion 20	190	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 24, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	191	To approve the RJA FY21 Comprehensive Plan, the FY21-FY23 Reinvestment and JCAB/Evidence Based Program Fund grants and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	192	To approve the Scope of Services, Responsibility of Client and Payment Provisions from Cyclone Engineering LLC and the KDOT Form 1302 Project Programming Request on the South 260 th HRRR Project
Motion 20	193	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Emergency Management Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners in reference to the recommendation and orders put forth by the Crawford County Health Officer and the Crawford County Board of Health in conjunction with Governor Laura Kelly's Executive Order 20-29. She stated that the Crawford County Stay at Home/Movement Restriction Order that was approved by the Commissioner on March 27, 2020 needs to be rescinded. Commissioner Blair stated that this order is a continuation of the Governor's new order and this order was discussed in the 8:00 AM Work Session today which is available to view on the county website. Ms. Adamson stated that the new county order will also be posted on the county website.

On motion (20-195) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to rescind the Crawford County Stay at Home Restriction Order.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-196) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Recommendations and Orders put forth by the Crawford County Health Officer and the Crawford County Board of Health in conjunction with Governor Laura Kelly's Executive Order 20-29 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Ms. Adamson and the Commissioners discussed the restrictions on sporting events that are in the Governor's orders.

Ms. Adamson stated that KDHE has issued a new travel quarantine list in which Massachusetts and Rhode Island were added to the list yesterday along with Connecticut, Louisiana, Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey and New York that remain on the list. She said that anyone returning to Kansas from these states must quarantine for 14 days. She explained that these quarantines do not have to be tracked by the Health Department and the individuals should monitor themselves and contact the Health Department if they should have any symptoms. Ms. Adamson also stated that the states of California, Florida and Washington were removed from the travel quarantine list by KDHE. She explained that the state requirements have changed for testing guidelines and now if an individual has just 2 of any of the virus symptoms, not necessarily a fever, they can call for a test. She stated that there was a new COVID-19 case yesterday in Crawford County and that the person is not severely ill and is recovering at home and that there are several people

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in quarantine due to contact to a positive person. She explained the procedures taken when an individual has been in contact with a person that has tested positive.

Ms. Adamson requested a 9:00 AM Work Session on Friday, May 8, 2020, to discuss any updates on COVID-19. The Commissioners agreed.

Ms. Adamson addressed the City of Pittsburg and the City of Girard having T-shirts and masks created with Pittsburg Strong and Girard Strong as a logo. She suggested that the County doing the same to unite as a County and showed a sample of what she would like to have done. Ms. Adamson would like suggestions and would like to do this as a fundraiser for needs in the community due to COVID-19.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle spoke about the new guidelines for the Courthouse being posted to the county website. Commissioner Blair stated that the Courthouse will be opened to the public beginning May 4, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM with screening at the door for anyone entering the building. He stated that the Motor Vehicle Office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed and the GIS department will meet with the public at the Courthouse. He explained that all chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart, cleaned and each office will allow only one customer per employee. Ms. Adamson stated that she will have an employee from her department at the Courthouse to do the screening for the first week. Sheriff Smith stated that he will be addressing the tag office in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department on their Facebook page. He stated that he will be running a drive through VIN Inspection from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday and there will be signage posted at the Sheriff's Department to direct the public in getting to the inspection site to avoid congestion in traffic. He stated that the lobby will remain closed at this time.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle stated that he received a question through the public email about churches and Ms. Adamson stated that churches will fall under the same guidelines under the governor's order for any other business with the capacity following the 6 feet distancing and that families can sit together but they must be 6 feet away from others. Sheriff Smith stated that the DMV office will be closed for another 2 weeks at least.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody stated that he received a phone call from a member of the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board inquiring if the position of Zoning Administrator had been filled and the Commissioners would like Zoning Administrator May Smith to contact the board members to make them aware of her position.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he has spoken with GIS Director Kyle Nelson and there will be around 16,600 separate addresses for the census mailings and a request for proposal can be started. Commissioner Blair asked if there was a way to find out if any of these addresses have already returned their census questionnaire to keep from duplicating and Commissioner Johnson does not believe that is possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-197) 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 Probationary Periods for Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:52 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:52 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 8, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson to new developments regarding COVID-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will be open to the public beginning Monday, May 4, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. 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.

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.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [May 1, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 5/1/2020 10:55 AM/amended BKW 5/1/2020 2:15 PM](#)