

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [THIRTY-SIXTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, 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 (20-198) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [May 1, 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	194	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 28, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	195	To rescind the Crawford County Stay at Home Restriction Order
Motion 20	196	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
Motion 20	197	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners and stated that Crawford County has had 8 COVID-19 cases with one death and in all the other cases the individuals are out of isolation and recovered. She said there are still a few persons of interest in isolation for about another week. She said she has received a few questions on the governor's orders but not very many. She addressed the Kansas Health Foundation grant she applied for and stated that she received notification that the Crawford County Health Department was awarded \$25,000 in grant funds. She explained that in applying for the grant she specified that the funds would be used for purchasing testing supplies, lab fees and staff time and explained the type of testing she would like to use. Ms. Adamson answered Commissioners Johnson's questions on the different types of testing.

Sheriff Danny Smith stated that the drive thru VIN Inspections started yesterday and 26 inspections were done and everything went smoothly.

County Treasurer Joe Grisolano stated that his office was very busy yesterday and asked that the public be patient as they are only allowing 1 customer per employee in the office.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the April 2020 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of April. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the March 2020 to April 2020 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures.

On motion (20-199) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the April 2020 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle discussed the stand-up shields for the offices in the Courthouse and stated that he purchased and picked up 8 shields from PRG in Pittsburg.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Item One: County Treasurer Joe Grisolano wanted to remind taxpayers that the 2nd half tax deadline is Monday, May 11, 2020 so to avoid any interest or penalties the taxes must be paid by May 11. He stated that the County Treasurer's and Motor Vehicle offices in the Courthouse are now open to the public from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday and the public can still use drop boxes at the entrance of the Courthouse and there is also a drop box at the door to his office. He stated that the tax payments can be mailed and must be postmarked by May 11, 2020 to avoid interest and penalties. He said that the tax payments can also be dropped off at the security desk at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg between 8:00 AM and 4:00 pm but the satellite Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center is still closed. Mr. Grisolano explained that tax payments can be made online through the County website and if the taxpayers have any questions to call his office and his staff will assist them and answer any questions they may have.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the copier in the Road & Bridge and County Counselor's office. He stated that this copier was purchased used several years ago. He explained the issues and problems with the current copier. He requested approval to purchase a newer version Toshiba from Copy Products. The Commissioners approved the purchase of a new Toshiba copier for the Road & Bridge and County Counselor's office.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair discussed Crawford County Sewer District #2 and the mobile home park that was hooked up to this sewer district. He stated that he spoke to Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and Mr. Gorentz is going to start the process of eliminating and capping off the sewer the line to the mobile home park as the property has been sold and the park is being reverted back to vacant ground.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson addressed a letter received from the Labette County Commission in reference to a court case on oil and gas values. He explained that this case has gone through the appeals process and that the Kansas Court of Appeals Ruling is going to the Kansas Supreme Court. He stated that he has spoken to County Treasurer Joe Grisolano and County Appraiser Zac Edwards and Mr. Edwards is going to prepare some documentation on this issue and Mr. Emerson will present this documentation on Friday so that a decision regarding a letter of support can be made at that time.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked about landfill contract and Mr. Emerson stated that he has not had an update from the County's attorneys but he will check into this issue.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson asked about the budget process and Mr. Pyle stated that he has started putting together the worksheets to be emailed to the department heads. He stated that he is hoping to have the budget requests returned by the first part of June. Mr. Pyle also stated that he was contacted by the County's auditor Mr. Terry Sercer to schedule a time to come to the Courthouse and start the audit process. He explained that

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Mr. Sercer requested June 8, 2020 as a start date and after speaking to Mr. Grisolano and the Fiscal Clerk's office, everyone agreed with that date.

Item Four: Ms. Adamson stated that she wanted to make a public statement of how appreciative she is for all the assistance she has received from the Crawford County Board of Health and that she could not have made all this happen without the support of the board. She stated that the county is really blessed to have Commissioners that care and want to improve things and that makes it easier for all to get their job done. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Adamson for all her hard work during this situation and stated that she is very professional and without her knowledge in the field things would not be progressing so smoothly.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair asked if any additional information had been received from Jayhawk Wind and Mr. Emerson stated that the last information he received was their contact name for road & bridge issues. Mr. Johnson stated that the first step in this process will be the road assessment.

Item Six: Mr. Blair spoke about the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and Mr. Emerson stated that the project is finished and the county is waiting for the documentation they requested. Commissioner Moody asked when the state project will start and Mr. Emerson stated that the project is officially started and they are trying to work on dry areas at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-200) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss CVB Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 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 10:37 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:47 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 in reference to new developments regarding COVID-19.

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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 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.

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 5, 2020](#) 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, 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 5/5/2020 10:50 AM/amended BKW 5/6/2020 11:00 AM](#)