

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, [EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, November 22, 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**

**On motion (19-381)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 19, 2019** minutes of the Board of County Canvassers and 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 19	373	To approve the certification of Jerry Seeley as the winner of the race for USD 247 School Board Position #3 and to adjourn the meeting of the Board of County Canvassers at 10:07 AM (done before the Nov 19, 2019 regular session
Motion 19	374	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 15, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	375	To adopt Resolution #19-026, a Resolution Approving the City of Pittsburg's Request for Annexation of Certain Property Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520c and Adopting Findings in Connection Therewith on property owned by Michael K Carpino & Lynn R Carpino

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Motion 19	376	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:30 AM
Motion 19	377	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:41 AM
Motion 19	378	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:49 AM
Motion 19	379	To appoint Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to the SEK Recycling Center Board of Directors
Motion 19	380	To approve hiring Triad Engineering to do a study on a transfer station in Crawford County

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**  
**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**  
**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**  
**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Sheriff Danny Smith introduced Deputy Kurt Grotheer and stated that Deputy Grotheer received the Deputy of the Year Award from the Kansas Sheriff’s Association due to his actions and response in a domestic case earlier this year. Sheriff Smith stated this is a statewide award and is a very important award. Commissioner Moody congratulated Deputy Grotheer and also thanked all law enforcement for their bravery and for putting their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens of Crawford County. Mr. Grotheer thanked Sheriff Smith for nominating him for the award. He commended all law enforcement officers and other emergency responders that came together in response to this situation. Sheriff Smith stated that the support from all agencies that day from the local level to the state level was unbelievable.

### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that Mr. Matt O’Malley from Live Well Crawford County called this morning and invited the Commissioners and a guest to attend the Arma Nutrition Council Celebration with a meal and a brief presentation on their accomplishments this past year at the Blue Moon Ballroom in Arma on Tuesday December 3rd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

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**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair addressed replacing the engine on a 1-ton dump truck in the amount of \$6,122. He stated that this truck is a daily use vehicle and that the vehicle otherwise is in good condition and he feels it would be best to be fixed and not replaced. He stated that Shop Foreman Josh Peak is working on an inventory of the Road & Bridge machinery and equipment and will rate the condition of the equipment. Mr. Blair discussed the condition of the Sign Department truck and handed out some quotes on replacing it. He stated that the current truck is over 20 years old with almost 300,000 miles and has had 3 transmissions installed over the years. He said that it will need to be replaced at some point and that it is used almost every day. The Commissioners discussed purchase of state vehicles. The Commissioners decided to replace the engine in the 1-ton truck and to look around for a truck for the sign department.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Don Pyle stated that the Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday on November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and the Commission meeting will be cancelled on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pyle stated that the Christmas and New Year holiday schedule needs to be discussed soon.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that he would like an estimate of the cost of the study by Triad Engineering on a transfer station before having Triad do the study. Mr. Emerson will work on this issue.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he met with Mr. Matt Bacon, City of Pittsburg Director of Public Utilities about Crawford County Sewer District #2 (W Fourth Street). Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Bacon provided him with a lot of information on the costs to the City of Pittsburg that the sewer district has paid over the last 15 years. He explained that he and Mr. Bacon would like to set up a work session with the Board of Commissioners and the county staff involved with Sewer District #2 to try to work on solutions for the issues the district is having. The other Commissioners agreed and Mr. Johnson will work on scheduling a work session.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Tom Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (19-382)** 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:37 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: November 26, 2019 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign November bill and payroll vouchers.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: November 28 & 29, 2019** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Item Two: November 29, 2019** – The Board of County Commissioners Regular Session is cancelled.

### 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 [November 22, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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

[Taken BKW 11/22/19 10:37 AM/amended BKW 11/25/19](#)