

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, November 5, 2021, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer. Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (21-362)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 2, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 21	358	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 29, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	359	To approve the 2022 Health/Dental/Life Insurance Plan through Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas and to approve an increase in benefit for the life insurance through Advance Insurance through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per employee and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	360	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss County Employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County

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		Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:31 AM
Motion 21	361	To approve the contract with Tyler Technologies for the Employee Self Service Portal and authorize the Chairman to sign

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

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

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the October 2021 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of October. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the September 2021 to October 2021 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 (21-363)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the October 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.

#### **On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an Engineering Proposal from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers for the routine bridge inspection of the 168 Off-System and 69 R.S. System Bridges at the cost of \$92.00 per bridge for a total of \$21,804.00. He stated that this is for the 2022 bridge inspection which takes place every other year. He explained that CFS has done the county's bridge inspections for a number of years and are familiar with the bridges.

**On motion (21-364)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Engineering Proposal from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers for the routine bridge inspection of the 168 Off-System and 69 R.S. System Bridges at the cost of \$92.00 per bridge for a total of \$21,804.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair discussed the shortage of culverts. There was a discussion on taking bids on the culverts before the end of the year.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair discussed digitizing the records for some of the county offices.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson gave an update on the SEK Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended yesterday. He discussed the revolving loan programs through SEKRPC.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Johnson reported on the SEK Recycling Center meeting he also attended yesterday. He discussed electronic fundraising and membership drives. He stated that financially the Center is doing pretty well this year as the prices for the commodities they sell have gone up.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Johnson discussed setting up scheduled meetings with the departments in the County to get updates on the departments' activities. He stated that he would like to have the meetings take place during the Regular Sessions so that Commissioners and the public both can take part. Commissioner Blair suggested getting a list of the departments and then setting up a schedule.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk discussed the Post-Election Audit that took place yesterday in the Commission meeting room. He explained the process that takes place for the audit and how the audited races are selected. He stated that he certified the results of the audit to the state and those results must be received and approved by the State of Kansas Secretary of State's Office within 48 hours of the canvass. He explained that he received confirmation this morning that the Secretary of State's Office has approved the Crawford County Post-Election Audit results. He discussed provisional ballots that are currently being reviewed by the office staff. He also discussed a press release he posted on the website that explained the unofficial and official election results.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: November 9, 2021 – 9:00 AM** meeting of the Board of County Canvassers to conduct the canvass of the 2021 City/School General Election.

**Item Two: November 9, 2021 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on vacating platted streets and alleys in the Town of Dunkirk.

**Item Three: November 16, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Ryan Insurance for a claims review.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

#### Item One: Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 5, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:22 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**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.**

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