

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTY-FOURTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 15, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were 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 (21-335)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 12, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 608938 to 609157 dated October 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$558,150.39, and
3. 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 21	331	The consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 8, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	332	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Timothy Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:40 AM

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Motion 21	333	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Timothy Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 12:04 PM
Motion 21	334	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 12:21 PM

**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**

**Item One:** Mr. Blake Benson, President of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners and stated that the members of Leadership Crawford County class will be present at the meeting today. Mr. Benson discussed the purpose of the class and the issues that they study. County Clerk Don Pyle agreed to take the group on a tour of the Courthouse while Mr. Benson met with the commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-336)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss the CVB Director position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President Mr. Blake Benson and to reconvene by 10:21 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 10:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:17 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Juvenile Crime Community Prevention Grant Application for FY 2022/2023. Mr. Emerson explained the 4 targeted areas of the grant and the requirements of the grant. He said that the RJA is applying for the Truancy Intervention Program Grant and he explained the intended purpose of that program and how it will work. He addressed all the services provided to the youth by the program. Commissioner Blair was answered that this is a 2-year program.

**On motion (21-337)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Juvenile Crime Community Prevention Grant Application for FY 2022/2023 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets and Alleys located in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas. He showed a plat of the Town of Dunkirk and explained where the proposed alleys and streets are located. He explained how vacates are requested, the process followed in vacating streets and alleys and the outcome of the vacating the alleys and streets. He stated that there is only one property owner involved in this request.

**On motion (21-338)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets and Alleys located in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing set for November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,326.00. He stated that this is not the main grant but an additional grant due to COVID-19 and it is a monthly draw down for September 2021.

**On motion (21-339)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,326.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair addressed the work session with the Road Foremen this morning and stated that he would like PIO Samantha Garrett to post notices on where and when road work will be done so the public can be aware of the road construction.

**Item Five:** The Commissioners thanked the members of the Crawford County Leadership Class for being present today and for taking the time to take part in the group. The members of the group were given the opportunity to ask questions and the Commissioners and Mr. Emerson answered their questions.

**Item Six:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented a letter from the Kansas Historical Society stating the *Pittsburg Foundry & Machine Company* will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places and this will take place at their next meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 9:30 AM. The Commissioners are invited to attend this meeting.

**Item Seven:** Mr. Pyle spoke about advance ballots for the 2021 City/School General Election and the drop boxes available at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg and the Courthouse in Girard. He also discussed early voting and there stated that early voting is open now in the County Clerk's office until November 1, 2021 at 12:00 noon and there will be an early voting site at the Homer Cole Center on October 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM and any registered voter may vote at the early voting sites.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-340)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss District Court under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:57 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 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-341)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Landfill Lease and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:06 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 10:51 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:06 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-342)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department 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 11:07 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (21-343)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:33 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 11:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: October 19, 2021** – The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners is cancelled due to the KAC conference in Overland Park. All three Commissioners will be in attendance at the conference.

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [October 15, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:36 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 by [BKW 10/15/2021 11:36 AM](#)/ amended [BKW 10/21/2021 11:30 AM](#)