

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTY-SIXTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, October 26, 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 (21-347) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 22, 2021** 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 21	344	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 15, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	345	To adopt Resolution #2021-012, a Resolution reappointing Uealene Pingree of 464 S 260 th St, Pittsburg, Kansas to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board & Joint Board of Appeals with a term to run from April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2023
Motion 21	346	To adopt Resolution #2021-013, A Resolution reappointing Bonnie Houk of 137 N Hwy 3, Girard, KS, David Robinson of 647 N 200th St, Farlington, KS and Dee Hough of 204 Crestwood Ln, Pittsburg, KS to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board & Joint Board of Appeals with terms to run from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2023

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Roger Lomshek addressed the Commissioners and discussed school quarantines and corresponding positive cases. He also discussed masking guidelines. He stated that he would like additional data from the Health Department regarding the number of cases in quarantine that develop into COVID infections and where the close contacts took place.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there will be an advance voting site at the Homer Cole Center on Saturday, October 30, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and any registered Crawford County voter can vote at this location. He said that advance voting is still available in the County Clerk's office until noon on Monday, November 1, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (21-348) 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 Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:40 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 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that PIO Samantha Garrett is working on posting information on the county website detailing the dates and locations of upcoming striping on the county roads so the public will be aware that the work is being done.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair gave an update on the status of the salt shed and stated that the concrete work started today and it should be completed by next week.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center Quarterly Meeting tonight at 6:00 pm and will report on the outcome of the meeting on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented a Memorandum of Agreement between Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and the Crawford County Commission. He

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stated that this agreement has already been approved. He went through the agreement with the Commissioners. He discussed the county's required ARPA reporting and the date the reporting is due. Commissioner Blair stated that he is going to contact some of the surrounding counties and discuss their plans for the ARPA funding.

On motion (21-349) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to authorize County Counselor Jim Emerson to electronically sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and the Crawford County Commission.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that he met with Sewer Operator Coby Hinton to discuss Crawford County Sewer District #2 (West 4th St) and Mr. Hinton will be listing improvements that need to be done to the sewer system that he cannot do. Commissioner Johnson addressed using ARPA funding for this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (21-350) 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 County Surveyor position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 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 10:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-351) 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 Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Mr. Emerson stated that Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Randi Ryan has requested a work session with the Employee Benefit Committee on Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 9:00 to discuss insurance and the employee portal. The Commissioners agreed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 29, 2021 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign October bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: October 29, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner, Greenbush to address ARPA funding.

Commissioner Johnson stated that will be in attendance at the Friday, October 29, 2021 work sessions and meeting via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 26, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:15 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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

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