

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [EIGHTY-FIFTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 30, 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.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-448) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 27, 2020** minutes of the 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 20	444	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 23, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	445	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 landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and attorney Pete Peterson and to reconvene by 10:20 AM
Motion 20	446	To cancel the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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Motion 20	447	To approve the quote from Foley Equipment for the purchase of a Caterpillar Model 918MT Wheel Loader in the amount of \$120,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated on 10/30/2020. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins stated that Ascension Via Christi has 8 positive cases and 1 person under investigation, 5 of the positive cases are on a ventilator and no ICU beds are available but they do have step down med surge beds available and Girard Medical Center has 1 person under investigation and they are at 50% capacity. He explained that there have been 4 deaths since last Friday that are counted in the gating criteria. Dr. Stebbins explained the Weekly Incidence Rate for the community and the schools. Dr. Bean explained the positivity rate and age breakdown. She stated that there are 7 long term care facilities involved with cases and the facilities are doing a great job with their procedures in controlling the spread. She stated that the testing capacity is good and KDHE is still continuing to assist with community contact tracing. Dr. Bean said that the schools continue to remain stable and are doing very well. Dr. Stebbins explained that the health officials have engaged the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, other cities in the county and some industries in the community in helping to bring to the fore front the importance of breaking the chain through appropriate social distancing, masks and hand washing. He discussed a business forum to be held next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-449) 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 20 minutes to discuss COVID-19 under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean, Health Director Janis Goedeke and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Two: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-450) 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 20 minutes to discuss COVID-19 under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean, Health Director Janis Goedeke and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:01 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 10:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH continued

Dr. Stebbins discussed the mitigation plans approved by the health officials in reference to the Pittsburg State Football game on Saturday and discussed the details of the plans.

County Clerk Don Pyle discussed sick and disabled voting and Dr. Stebbins stated that any person in quarantine is on a stay at home order and should fall under the sick and disabled guidelines for voting in Kansas.

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

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a letter from Ms. Angie Hadley, Restorative Justice Authority Program Coordinator, requesting that Tresa Miller be appointed to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board effective immediately. He stated that Ms. Miller was recently named the Chief Court Services Officer and is replacing Brenda Chappell who retired.

On motion (20-451) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the appointment of Tresa Miller to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that he is working with Undersheriff Scott Tyrell on new video components for the Courthouse. He stated that the current video equipment is currently not working internally or outdoors. He explained where the cameras are located. He presented a bid from Jayhawk Security & Electronics and a bid from Craw-Kan and stated that he and Undersheriff Tyrell reviewed the bids and they recommend the lower bid from Craw-Kan.

On motion (20-452) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the bid from Craw-Kan for video equipment for the Courthouse.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented a thank you card from Mr. Dan Duling, the Administrator at Westridge Retirement Home, thanking the Commissioners for the SPARK money and it included a picture of the van they purchased with the funds. Commissioner Moody stated that they also received a thank you from Pastor Talent and from Mr. John Lair for Special Olympics.

Mr. Emerson stated that he received a text from Mr. Mike Bodensteiner that said that all MOUs have been returned, approved and most of the checks have been issued on the SPARK Funding.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody asked about financing for the wheel loader that the county recently purchased. Mr. Emerson gave the Commissioners some options on paying for the equipment and the Commissioners will re-address this next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there are advance early voting sites at the Meadowbrook Mall and Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg today and tomorrow.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed doing a truck route study and will readdress at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (20-453) 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 the Noxious Weed department under Non-Elected Personnel

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and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:27 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 11:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 6, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Crawford County Health Officials.

Item Two: November 10, 2020 – 9:00 AM Canvassing of ballots from the 2020 General Election with the regular session commencing after the canvass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: Advance in person voting is open in the County Clerk's Office from 8:00 until 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday until November 2, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Item Two: October 30th, 2020 and October 31st, 2020 – Advance in person voting sites at Meadowbrook Mall and Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg will be open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Item Three: November 3, 2020 – General Election Day. All polling locations will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Item Four: November 3, 2020 – The Board of County Commissioners Regularly Scheduled Meeting is cancelled.

Item Five: November 5, 2020 – Post Election Precinct Audit at 9:00 AM in the County Commission Room.

Item Six: November 11, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [October 30, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:30 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 10/30/2020 11:30 AM/amended BKW 11/3/2020 4:30 PM](#)