

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, September 30, 2022 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.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (22-358) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 27, 2022** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 22	352	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 23, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	353	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for September
Motion 22	354	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the employee handbook and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM

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Motion 22	355	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 to discuss the employee handbook and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:54 AM
Motion 22	356	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 11:09 AM
Motion 22	357	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 ARPA funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:18 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker presented an application for a 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post #26 American Legion to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event, “Fall Brawl” during the dates beginning at 11:00 AM on September 30, 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 3, 2022 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds and an application for a 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post #26 American Legion to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event “Ranch Rodeo” during the dates beginning at 9:00 AM on October 14, 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 17, 2022 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Ms. Wicker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and all responded that they had no issue with this application. She also stated that the Crawford County Fair Board is in agreeance with the licenses.

On motion (22-359) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and

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directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

DATE: Beginning at 11:00 AM on September 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 3, 2022 **(For consumption on the premises)**

EVENT: Fall Brawl

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

DATE: Beginning at 9:00 AM on October 14, 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 17, 2022. **(For consumption on the premises)**

EVENT: Ranch Rodeo

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Executive Administrator of Mental Health Mr. Michael Ehling stated that CCBHC Director Ms. Heather Spaur and himself made a presentation to the Economic Development Team and the team made an unanimously recommendation to give a grant award for the Addiction Treatment Center and the Crisis Stabilization Unit in the amount of \$400,000.00 and the City of Pittsburg approved it. Mr. Ehling explained that 6.5 million dollars has been committed for the ATC. He stated that a couple of items need finalized on the blueprints and them hopefully the project will be put out for bid this fall with construction starting in January.

Item Two: Mr. Ehling stated that Crawford County Mental Health was awarded a 4-million-dollar federal SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant for CCBHC to become a Certified Behavioral Health Center. Ms. Spaur explained the grant and the importance of becoming a Certified Behavioral Health Center. She also discussed the details of becoming a Certified Behavioral Health Center. Mr. Ehling also spoke about the importance of the Certified Behavioral Health Center, the Addiction Treatment Center and the Crisis Stabilization Unit and how it will help the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-360) 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

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than 20 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and CCBHC Director Heather Spaur and to reconvene by 10:44 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 10:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2022-014, A Resolution Adopting the Crawford County Employee Handbook. He also presented a copy of the Crawford County Employee Handbook. He explained that this handbook has been several months of work by the Arnold Group, Commissioners, Elected Officials, Department Heads and Fiscal Office employees and a lot of work was put into this. He said that the handbook will go into effect January 1, 2023. Mr. Emerson explained that the job descriptions, job titles and salary matrix is still being worked on.

On motion (22-361) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2022-014, A Resolution Adopting the Crawford County Employee Handbook.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair gave a report on the conference he attended in St. Joseph.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson gave a report on the Southeast Kansas County Officials District Meeting in Bourbon County. He stated that the opioid lawsuit was addressed in the meeting and Mr. Emerson gave an update of the status of the opioid lawsuit in Crawford County. Commissioner Johnson discussed other items that were addressed in the meeting.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody stated that he will be meeting with City of Frontenac Mayor Dave Fornelli and City of Pittsburg Commissioner Chuck Munsell to discuss the Joe Saia overpass.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated the HRRR project will begin on October 3 on 260th Street between Hwy 160 and Hwy 126.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on vacating platted streets in Makuc's Subdivision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 5, 2022 – Rotary Club Meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 7:00 AM. Two Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Two: October 6, 2022 – Retirement Reception for Crawford County Fire District #1 Chief Mike Ryan at the Baker Fire Station #1 at 5:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance

Item Three: October 10, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Item Four: October 11, 2022 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday and a meeting conflict.

Item Five: October 11, 2022 – Pittsburg Economic Outlook Conference at the Overman Student Center at Pittsburg State University from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Six: October 17, 18 & 19, 2022 – Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Overland Park Kansas. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Commissioner Moody stated that there is an interest in have a meeting with the county and the cities.

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 [September 30, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:56 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 9/30/2022 110:56 AM/amended BKW 10/3/2022 3:00 PM](#)