

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commission Meeting Agenda

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, August 6, 2019, 10:00AM.

- I. Meeting called to order**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Business from a previous meeting**
 - a. **Approval of consent agenda**
 - i. Consent agenda additions or deletions
 - 1. Approval of the August 2, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.
 - b. **Signing of motions from the previous meeting**

Motion 19	230	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 30, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	231	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 19	232	To approve the July 2019 Clerk's Report as presented

- III. New Business**
 - a. Scheduled public hearings and opening of announced bids
 - b. Proclamations and orders of the Board
 - c. Messages from the Crawford County Local Board of Health
 - d. Messages from the public
 - e. **Messages from appointed officials**
 - i. Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer and Mr. Rick Pfeiffer addressing KDHE warning on West Nile Virus risks.
 - f. Messages from other governmental entities
 - g. Messages from elected officials
 - h. **New Business**
 - i. Mr. Pyle, County Clerk
 - ii. Mr. Emerson, County Counselor
 - iii. Chairman Moody, Commissioner
 - iv. Mr. Johnson, Commissioner
 - v. Mr. Blair, Commissioner
- IV. Old Business**
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V. Future Business and Announcements

a. Future Business

b. Announcements

VI. Motion for adjournment

Individuals who wish to have their name listed on the official meeting agenda should please call the County Clerk's Office (620-724-6115) by 12:00 p.m. on the day preceding the meeting at which they wish to appear. Individuals are welcome to appear without their name on the agenda. Advance notification simply makes it easier for the County Clerk's Office to prepare the agenda. Thank you. If you are an individual with special needs, please contact the County Clerk's Office in advance of your attendance at the meeting so any necessary arrangements can be made.

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**High Risk of West Nile Virus Activity in Three Kansas Regions
and Positive Mosquito Pools Identified**

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has issued a high risk warning for West Nile virus infections (WNV) for northwest, south central and southeast Kansas. North central, northeast, and southwest Kansas are at moderate risk for WNV infections. In addition, mosquitoes collected in Sedgwick County have tested positive for WNV and St. Louis Encephalitis virus (SLEV).

WNV can be spread to people through mosquito bites, but it is not spread from person to person. About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. About 1 out of 150 infected people develop a severe illness leading to swelling of the brain or brain tissue that can result in death. There are no vaccines or medications to treat WNV. People who have had WNV before are considered immune.

SLEV is transmitted by the same type of mosquito that spreads WNV. While most people who are infected with SLEV have no symptoms or only mild non-specific flu-like illness, some individuals can experience serious neuroinvasive illness. Symptoms often include fever, headache, stiff neck, disorientation, and altered level of consciousness. Coma, convulsions, and paralysis may also occur. SLEV has a similar incubation period as WNV, 5-15 days.

KDHE recommends knowing your risk of WNV and take action to prevent mosquito bites and protect yourself against WNV and SLEV:

- Visit the KDHE WNV website weekly to learn about the current WNV risk levels; http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/arboviral_disease.htm
- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an [EPA-registered active ingredient](#) on skin and clothing, including DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- The elderly or those with a weakened immune system should consider limiting their exposure outside during dusk and dawn when the *Culex* species mosquitos are most active.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.
- Horses can also be infected with WNV. Talk with your veterinarian about vaccinating your horse to protect them against WNV.

Most WNV infections occur in the late summer and early fall. Although there have been no cases of WNV reported to KDHE in 2019, there have been over 300 cases of the most severe form of WNV and 30 deaths in Kansas from 1999-2018. The last known case of SLEV in Kansas occurred in 2004.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides this web page with additional information about West Nile virus and preventing mosquito bites: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes/>. More information on SLEV can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/slc/index.html>. For questions about West Nile virus or other Arboviral diseases contact the KDHE Epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317.

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