

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, April 26, 2019 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.

General Government Director 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 (19-123) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **April 23, 2019** 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 Director presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 19	119	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 16, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	120	To approve the KDOC FY20 Comprehensive Plan Grant and the Reinvestment Renewal Summary Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 19	121	To approve the purchase of extended warranties on the 3 Freightliner dump trucks purchased in 2017 from Joplin Freightliner Sales
Motion 19	122	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle and to reconvene by 11:10 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Rebecca Brubaker, Executive Director Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc. presented the Shelter Grant. Ms. Brubaker stated that is the time of year to renew the shelter grant from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation which comes to the county and that Safehouse is the subrecipient. She explained that Safehouse provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Southeast Kansas. She said that that the new shelter opened two years ago. Ms. Brubaker told the Commissioners that 273 individuals were served in the last 12 months and they expect that to go to 300 for the next year. She stated that the shelter is no longer a limited 90-day facility but the stay is dependent upon the needs of the clients. She explained that there is a wing for men and their children which has been utilized a few times and that there are separate living quarters for the men. Ms. Brubaker stated that the grant request is the same as last year and the grant helps pay for utilities and operation expenses at the shelter. She explained what takes place when an individual comes to the shelter, the number of staff that is employed and what items the clients are assisted with. She stated that the shelter's main goal is to move the clients into self-sufficiency within 90 days and most of the time that is achieved before the 90 days. Mr. Blair was answered that the shelter serves 7 counties but 2/3 of the clientele come from Pittsburg and the surrounding area. She discussed capacity and during what times there are more clients. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained the grant and stated that the city or county has to sponsor the grant and the city or county is only a pass through for the funds. Ms. Brubaker stated that most of the shelter's funding comes from state and federal funding and explained the type of funds and grants that are received. Mr. Blair stated that he has toured the shelter and it is very nice. Ms. Brubaker thanked the Commissioners for the continuing support.

On motion (19-124) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee. Mr. Emerson explained the area where the alley is located and showed the aerial view of the area.

On motion (19-125) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to open the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in the Original Town of Chicopee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

Mr. Ben Cannon addressed the Commissioners and stated that he is one of the owners of property adjacent to the alley and that he is in favor of vacating the alley. No other people asked to speak.

On motion (19-126) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to close the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in the Original Town of Chicopee. Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2019-011, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley known as an unnamed alley located adjacent to and south of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 15, Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 16 and vacated Fifth Street all in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

On motion (19-127) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #2019-011, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley known as an unnamed alley located adjacent to and south of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 15, Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 16 and vacated Fifth Street all in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Road Foreman Ben Cannon and the Commissioners discussed the purchase of new road graders.

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES continued

Item Two: Mr. Devin Gorman, CVB Executive Director discussed the Crawford County Museum Fund. He explained why the museum fund was set up and that this is the 4th year that the CVB has helped to support the operations of museums in Crawford County. He stated that the funds are split between Crawford County and the CVB. He explained that Miners Hall Museum and Crawford County Historical Museum have received the funding in the past and there is potential for a 3rd museum. He stated that applications for 2019 were received from Miners Hall Museum and Crawford County Historical Museum

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which both met or exceeded the requirements for the program and the applications have been approved by the CVB Advisory Board with the recommendation for the county to approve. Mr. Gorman went through some of the requirements met by the museums. Commissioner Moody stated that there were representatives from the 3rd museum, Girard History Museum that would like to address the Commissioners.

Ms. Terri Harley addressed the Commissioners and stated that she is president of Friends of Historic Girard and they became owners of Girard History Museum 5 years ago. She explained that the museum is on the National Historic Register and in 2016 a grant was applied for through the Kansas State Historical Society which was awarded. Ms. Harley stated that the grant funds were used for tuck pointing the stone exterior, a new roof, all new guttering and repainting of the windows and that work was completed in 2017. She explained that since that time the members have been working on the displays. She gave information on the 4 buildings on the property, the repairs that are needed to the buildings and some of the costs involved. She explained other donations and grants received and what work was done with those funds. Ms. Harley gave information on visitors that have toured the museum over the last year. She explained that the main issue right now is making the utility payments. She discussed the Crawford County Museum Fund and the requirements they meet and the requirements they do not meet. The Commissioners stated that they are proud of the work they have done so far on the museum. Mr. Gorman suggested allowing the Girard Museum to submit an application knowing that all the criteria is not met and suggested allowing funding to get the utilities and other issues taken care of and to try and to meet all the criteria in the future. Mr. Gorman stated the CVB Advisory Board has not discussed the issue of the Girard Museum receiving funding. Mr. Moody stated that a lot of time was put into setting the criteria and a protocol has been set. The Commissioners stated that they would like Mr. Gorman to take the issue of funding for the Girard History Museum to his board for advisement. Mr. Gorman stated he will get with the board and then have Ms. Harley fill out the application. Ms. Harley stated that May 4, 2019 is the grand reopening of the museum and invited the Commissioners to attend.

On motion (19-128) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Museum Funds for 2019 with funding to go to Miners Hall Museum and Crawford County Historical Society.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Moody requested that Mr. Gorman come back with an update of activities in Crawford County.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIAL continued

Item Two: Mr. Zach Edwards, County Appraiser addressed the Commissioners about the vehicles in his office fleet. He explained that 2 vehicles are currently down and that

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leaves only 3 running with 6 field staff appraisers. Commissioner Moody stated that he met with Mr. Edwards last week and looked at the vehicles and some are in poor shape. Commissioner Johnson was answered that currently there are 2 cars, 2 jeeps and a transit van in the fleet. Mr. Edwards stated that one of the cars and the van are newest in the fleet and were purchased 3 years ago and the remaining 3 vehicles have been in the fleet 12 to 15 years. Mr. Moody stated that the purchase of new vehicles was considered into the Appraiser's Office budget when it was approved. Mr. Edwards stated that he has already purchased 1 vehicle and would like to purchase 2 more and he felt his budget can withstand the purchases. Mr. Emerson will work with Mr. Edwards on lease purchase quotes. Mr. Edwards stated that he is looking into SUVs as they work the best on the county roads. The Commissioners agreed for Mr. Emerson and Mr. Edwards to proceed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented an agreement with Earles Engineering & Inspections, Inc. Mr. Emerson stated that the proposal has been approved and now the agreement needs to be approved and signed. He stated that the agreement is for \$36,000. He explained the contents of the agreement.

On motion (19-129) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the agreement with Earles Engineering & Inspections, Inc. for Engineering Plans for Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation 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: Mr. Emerson stated that the Chamber Coffee hosted by Crawford County Mental Health Center will be at 8:00 AM on May 2, 2019 at 3101 N Michigan, Pittsburg, KS. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated that the YMCA is going to be cleaning up property located at Quincy and the Pittsburg bypass and are requesting a culvert for that area for a driveway. Mr. Blair stated that Road Foreman Bill Kavanagh is going to meet with a representative from the YMCA to see what is needed. The other Commissioners stated that they have no issue with this.

Item Four: Mr. Blair explained that there will be an outdoor expo event the last weekend in September and the expo will be utilizing the farm show grounds but will also be using an area off of Lone Star Road and 20th Street and it has been requested to close a portion of that road for parking issues. Mr. Emerson stated there should be no problem with closing off a portion of that road.

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Item Five: Mr. Blair stated that there is a signage workshop being held in May if the other Commissioners are interested in attending or sending some of their crew to attend.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson stated that he has spoken with Dr. Jim Triplett and would like to set up a work session with Dr. Triplett on May 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Moody stated that he will not be in attendance at the May 3rd or May 6th meetings but to go ahead and hold the work session and he will get an update when he returns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (19-130) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson to reconvene by 11:12 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:52 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS

Item One: April 30, 2019 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee.

Item Two: April 30, 2019 – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting Community Corrections FY 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Budget and Behavioral Health Grant Budget.

Item Three: April 30, 2019 – Ms. Julie Martin, regarding the Southeast High School USD 247 Technology Student Association National Championship.

Item Four: April 30, 2019 – Mr. Bert Patrick regarding the SEK Recycling Center and the County Commission Meeting Schedule.

Item Five: May 3, 2019 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Dr. Jim Triplett, SEK Recycling Center.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 2, 2019 – Chamber Coffee hosted by Crawford County Mental Health Center starting at 8:00 AM at 3101 N Michigan, Pittsburg, KS. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [April 26, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:13 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.

Bobbi Wicker

General Government Director

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 4/26/19 11:13 AM/amended BKW 4/29/19 11:30 AM](#)