

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, April 30, 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.

County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (19-131) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 26, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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:

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| Motion 19 | 123 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 23, 2019 minutes |
| Motion 19 | 124 | To approve the 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign |
| Motion 19 | 125 | To open the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in the Original Town of Chicopee |
| Motion 19 | 126 | To close the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in the Original Town of Chicopee |
| Motion 19 | 127 | 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 |

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| Motion 19 | 128 | To approve the Crawford County Museum Funds for 2019 with funding to go to Miners Hall Museum and Crawford County Historical Society |
| Motion 19 | 129 | 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 |
| Motion 19 | 130 | 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 |

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on Vacating a Portion of a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee.

On motion (19-132) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the public hearing on vacating a portion of 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.

On motion (19-133) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to close the public hearing on vacating a portion of 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 explained the area where the alley is located and presented maps of the area.

Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2019-012, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Portion of a Platted Alley known as an unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 14 and North of Lots 14, 16, 18 and 20 in Block 14, in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS
GIRARD, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-012

A RESOLUTION CLOSING AND VACATING A PORTION OF PLATTED ALLEY IN THE TOWN OF CHICOPEE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, there is laid out and established in Crawford County, Kansas a certain alley under the jurisdiction of the County, lying over and across the following described real estate:

A platted unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 14 and North of Lots 14, 16, 18, and 20 in Block 14, in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning said alley closing was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 and all interested parties were given an opportunity to present arguments for and against said closing;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published one time in the official County newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners finds that notice has been given as required by K.S.A. § 58-2613 and that the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience by such vacation and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby.

Section 2: Pursuant to K.S.A. § 58-2614, the above-described platted alley is hereby formally closed and vacated and the land comprising said alley shall and does hereby revert to the adjoining landowners in the same proportion as it was originally taken, subject and reserving unto the County and any public utilities, however, any right-of-way and easements for public service facilities and utilities which are in existence and in use across said roadway and right-of-way.


Section 3: The County Clerk is hereby directed to enter a record of these proceedings, as reflected in this

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Resolution, on the Journal of the Board of County Commissioners and to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Register of Deeds office.

Section 4: The County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each owner of the adjoining real estate to whom the property is being transferred, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent.

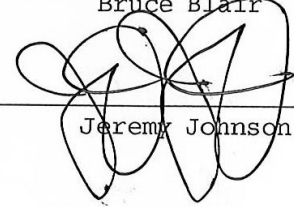
ADOPTED, APPROVED AND GIVEN under our hands at the Courthouse in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, this 30th day of April, 2019.



Tom Moody, Chairman



Bruce Blair



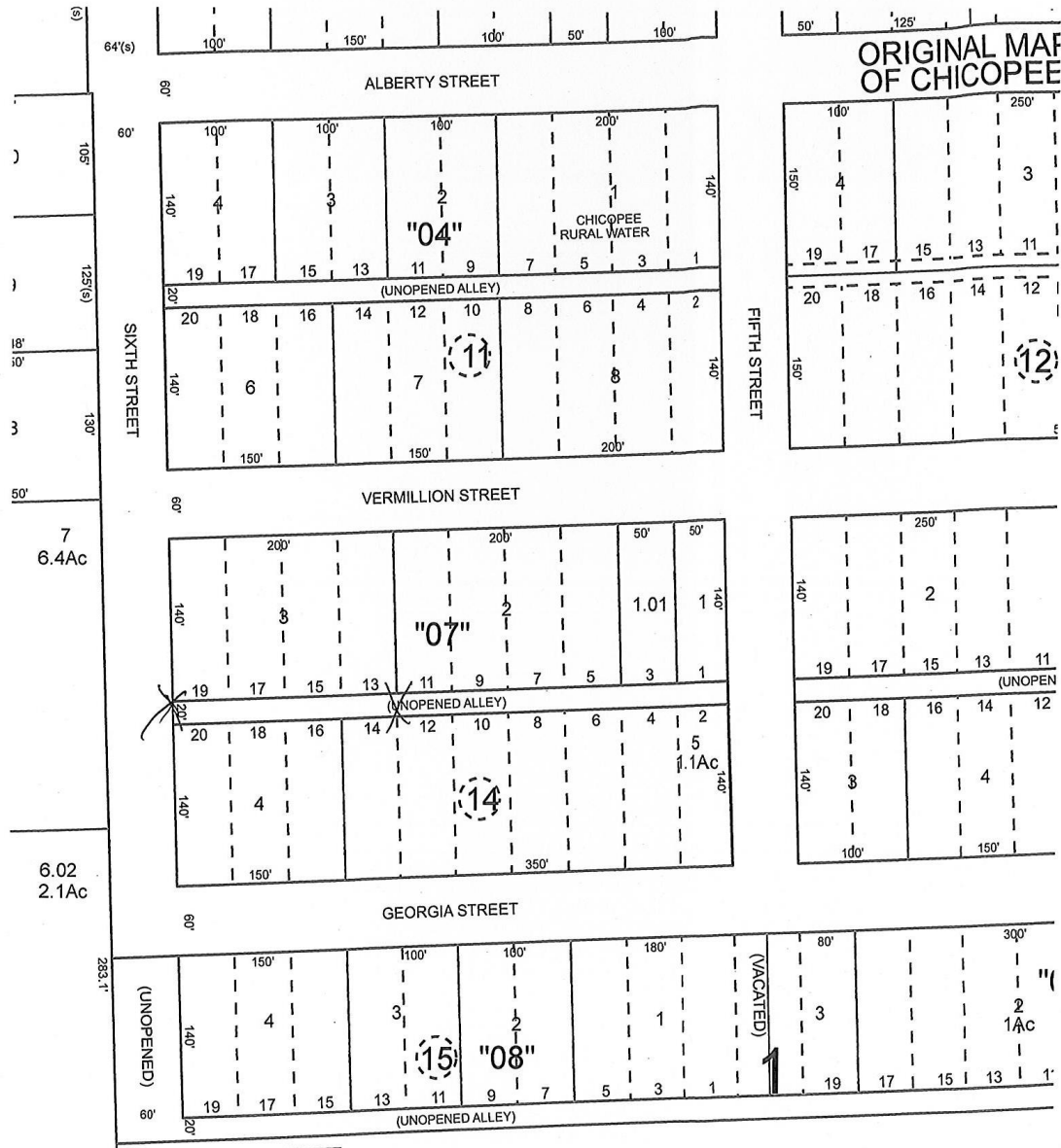
Jeremy Johnson

ATTEST:



Donald P. Pyle, County Clerk

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On motion (19-134) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2019-012, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Portion of a Platted Alley known as an unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots 13, 15, 17 and 19 in Block 14 and North of Lots 14, 16, 18 and 20 in Block 14, 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
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Item One: Ms. Julie Martin & Ms. Megan Colvin, Southeast High School Seniors, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Southeast High School USD 247 Technology Student Association National Championship. Ms. Martin explained that their association competed in Salina and received 1st in digital video production. She stated that since TSA was founded 6 years ago, every year they have received 1st place in the digital video production in this competition. She said that since they received 1st place they have qualified for the national competition in Washington DC. Ms. Colvin and Ms. Martin explained the mockumentary they produced. County Clerk Don Pyle explained that in prior years the Commissioners donated \$500 from the Parks & Recreation funds to help with the groups expenses and those monies come from alcoholic liquor tax from the state. Mr. Brad Coots stated that he is advisor for the group and a teacher at Southeast High School and said that the students do 100% of the work in the organization. The Commissioners congratulated Ms. Martin and Ms. Colvin and said they are proud of the work they have done in the organization and representing Crawford County.

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Southeast High School seniors Julie Martin and Megan Colvin recently qualified to compete at the 2019 Technology Student Association National Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. Due to the high cost of this trip, we will need to raise approximately \$4,000 to attend. Students are participating in fundraising for the next 2 weeks, as we need to let the state know that we can represent Kansas at the conference.

Southeast High School TSA has qualified for nationals every year since beginning the club. Students from Southeast have won the TSA state championship in Digital Video Production for 6 straight years. Our students have continued that success at the national conference, placing 7th in the nation in 2015, 5th in the nation in 2017, and 4th in the nation in 2018 in the Digital Video Production category. Our students do a great job of representing our small area schools and communities at the national conference.

We appreciate your consideration in supporting these students. Without support from the community these students would not have an opportunity to prove they can compete at the national conference. If there is anything we can do to support your organization in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Brad Coots
Southeast High School
Technology Education
bcoots@usd247.com
620-457-8365



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

On motion (19-135) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a donation of \$500 to the USD 247 Technology Student Association for expenses to the National Championship in Washington DC from the Parks and Recreation Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Mr. Bert Patrick addressed the Commissioners regarding the SEK Recycling Center. Mr. Patrick gave reasons why he feels the recycling center is important to Pittsburg and to Crawford County. He stated that it reduces the amount of trash that goes into the landfill and that many items are non-biodegradable and could stay in the landfill for years. He also stated that the center provides employment in Crawford County. Mr. Patrick stated that his request is for the Commissioners to work with Dr. Triplett to come up with the best solution possible and he hopes the County will help the Recycling Center with any financial needs to continue their operations. He stated that he believes a long-term solution is for the County to take over the center. He said that he would be open to paying a minimal tax to keep the center open. He hopes that all involved can come up with the best solution.

Item Three: Mr. Wayne Bockelman addressed the Commissioners in support of the SEK Recycling Center. He explained the many different programs available through the center and discussed different ways he has found to use recycled materials creatively. He spoke about the Sperry Galligar Audubon Society and stated that the society builds then sells or donates bird houses. He stated that some of the materials used to build these bird houses come from pallets received from the recycling center.

Item Four: Mr. George Weeks addressed the Commissioners and stated that he is in support of the SEK Recycling Center. He stated that he was one of the first volunteers when recycling was started over 30 years ago and he has watched it grow and become a huge part of the County's infrastructure. Mr. Weeks stated that he requests that the Commissioners consider helping the center in this time of financial stress as it is very important to the community.

Item Five: Mr. Bill Bradrick addressed the Commissioners and spoke in support of the recycling center.

Item Six: Mr. Jim Brumfield thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak in favor of the recycling center. He stated that recycling is not a habit but a duty and the recycling center allows him to fulfill his duties. He stated that he would be in favor of a small tax to support the center. Mr. Brumfield suggested starting a city-wide recycling effort to raise awareness provide incentives.

Chairman Moody thanked everyone for being passionate about recycling and stated that all the Commissioners are in agreement that somehow the center needs to keep going although not sure how yet. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained that the recycling center is its own entity and that the Household Hazardous Waste building is a county building and the county pays to run that program. He stated and the bulk item drop off program is shared by City of Pittsburg and County. He said that the county also has the permit for the bag & tag. Mr. Emerson stated that the County is involved in the Center and does help with funding when needed. He stated that the county is willing to help now and not just short term but also to find a long-term solution.

The Commissioners discussed the SEK Recycling Center and the needs and possible solutions to the help with the financial issues and making everyone aware of the issues.

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MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting Community Corrections FY 2020 Comprehensive Plan and the 11th Judicial Community Corrections Behavioral Health Grant Application FY 2020. Mr. Young explained the grant and discussed the introduction of a new program. He stated that the current allocation amount is \$519,214.30 which is an approximate increase of \$200,000 from last year. Mr. Young discussed the number of offenders versus supervisors in the program. He also discussed the offender population and the increase in the last year. He addressed the special drug prosecutor and the influx in offenders from that program. Mr. Johnson was answered that the majority of the cases hear by the drug prosecutor are drug possession cases and are non-violent offenders.

Mr. Young presented the 11th Judicial Community Corrections Behavioral Health Grant Application FY 2020. He stated that program was started by the State of Kansas in 2013. He discussed the success rate using these grant funds. Mr. Young explained the some of the programs included in the grant. He stated that the grant request amount is \$195,899.82 and last year's request was for \$132,324.88. Mr. Young discussed adding a new position and salary enhancements with these grant dollars.

On motion (19-136) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Behavioral Health Grant Application for FY 2020 and Authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (19-137) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and Authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Young and the Commissioners discussed the District Court building in Pittsburg. They spoke about the Motor Vehicle Department housed at that building.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued:

Item Seven: Mr. Patrick addressed the Commission Meeting Schedule. He stated that 90% of the constituents in Crawford County cannot come to the meetings. Commissioner Blair stated that he feels that the meeting times set now are the optimal times as the issues that need be addressed and the day to day business are within a phone call or down the hall. Chairman Moody stated that he agrees with Commissioner Blair and that if something should arise that is needed at night, the Commissioners would be more than

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happy to accommodate. Mr. Patrick gave suggestions for alternate times and suggestions for various sites to hold the Commission Meetings. The Commissioners informed Mr. Patrick that the Commission meetings are broadcast on the county website after the meetings are over.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle handed out copies of the quarterly report from Ryan Insurance on property, casualty and work comp insurance claims. He stated that Ryan Insurance requested a work session with the Commissioners on May 7th, 2019 at 9:00 AM to discuss these claims. The Commissioners approved the work session.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle informed the Commissioners that he will be attending the Kansas County Clerk's conference in Wichita and will not be in attendance at the meeting on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson addressed the budget process. Mr. Pyle explained that budget worksheets will be sent out at the end of this month and then work sessions will be set up for the Commissioners to go over the budget requests with elected officials and department heads in the middle of May. He stated that valuations will be available in the middle of June.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson addressed employee evaluations. Mr. Moody and Mr. Emerson explained. Mr. Pyle stated that he will email Mr. Johnson a copy of the evaluation form.

Item Five: Mr. Johnson stated that on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 the state is holding a webinar on the census from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and he is interested in attending. Mr. Emerson stated that he would also like to attend the webinar. The Commissioners decided that Commissioner Johnson and Mr. Emerson will attend the webinar on Tuesday, May 7 and Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair will be present at the Commission Meeting.

Item Six: Mr. Moody addressed the sale lots in Franklin and Mr. Emerson stated there is no update.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (19-138) 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

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Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson to reconvene by 11:56 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 11:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

The Commissioners recessed for 5 minutes.

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

On motion (19-139) 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 15 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 12:11 PM.

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 11:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:11 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS

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

Item Two: May 7, 2019 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance to review insurance claims.

Item Three: May 7, 2019 – Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator presenting a Motion of Recommendation for a Short Plat.

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.

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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 30, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:13 PM 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.
[Taken BKW 4/30/19 12:13 PM/amended BKW 5/2/19 11:00 AM](#)