

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, April 7, 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.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (20-164) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 3, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

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| Motion 20 | 156 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 27, 2020 minutes |
| Motion 20 | 157 | To approve the March 27, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting |
| Motion 20 | 158 | To approve the March 30, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting |
| Motion 20 | 159 | To approve the March 2020 Clerk's Report as presented |
| Motion 20 | 160 | To approve the Agreement between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co, Inc. for Asphalt for 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign |

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| Motion 20 | 161 | To approve closing the courthouse to the public through April 19, 2020 |
| Motion 20 | 162 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via telephone call and to reconvene by 11:30 AM |
| Motion 20 | 163 | 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 wind farm agreements and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 AM |

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners with an update on the COVID-19 Virus. Ms. Adamson stated that there have not been any new cases in Crawford County. She stated that there have been 6 positive cases which includes 1 death, 1 still in isolation and 4 individuals that have recovered and are out of isolation and back in the public. She stated they are still testing and have tests pending. She said that Kansas has added Connecticut to the travel warning and that makes 9 states total in the travel warning. Ms. Adamson explained that anyone coming into Kansas from any of the states on the list must quarantine for 14 days. She discussed essential businesses and stated that most of the questions are being answered by the state. Mr. Johnson discussed the CDC guidelines in reference to face masks and Ms. Adamson explained that KDHE is coming up with some guidance on this issue. There was a discussion of how this applies to church services.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Emergency Management Director Mr. Rusty Akins addressed the Commissioners and stated that he received a large shipment of supplies Sunday morning and sorted it out and disbursed the supplies yesterday. He explained that everyone received masks but they are still short on gloves and gowns.

Item Two: EMS Director Mr. Randy Sandberg reported on the surge plan. Mr. Sandberg stated that he spoke with Dr. Paoni and EMS Administrator Dr. Stebbins and they stated that the lines of communication are open and they are still trying to decide what the best plan would be best to serve the patrons of Crawford County. Mr. Sandberg stated he will report back when more information is available.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a letter requesting that Pittsburg State University Police Chief Stu Hite replace Sheriff Danny Smith on the Southeast

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Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council to represent Crawford County. Sheriff Smith explained that he has accepted the appointment from the Kansas Sheriff's Association (KSA) President to be the KSA representative on the council.

On motion (20-165) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Pittsburg State University Police Chief Stu Hite as the Crawford County representative to the Southeast Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council to represent Crawford County to replace Sheriff Danny Smith and to 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 presented information from Ms. Cristi Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas representative regarding insurance coverage for COVID-19. He explained the coverage for the BC/BS fully insured system and stated that since Crawford County is a self-insured group the county can either accept the coverage or opt out of this coverage. The Commissioners decided to accept this coverage.

On motion (20-166) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas COVID-19 coverage for Crawford County employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody stated that a Crawford County resident contacted him and stated he had a shale pile on his property and Mr. Moody stated that in the past shale had been used to build bases for the county roads. He stated that he is going to have Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano look into the issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed the April 10, 2020 Good Friday holiday and Mr. Moody stated that in the past the Courthouse has been closed all day on Good Friday. The Commissioners decided to close the courthouse on Friday, April 10, 2020 and to cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners in observance of Good Friday.

On motion (20-167) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the courthouse on Friday, April 10, 2020 in observance of Good Friday and to cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on that day.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Alan Anderson, Council for APEX Clean Energy addressed the Commissioners via telephone call. Mr. Anderson introduced the other APEX representatives that were on this call. Mr. Emerson requested that the Mr. Anderson review the agreements with the Commissioners and answer any questions the Commissioners may have. Mr. Anderson went over the 5 agreements, Road & Bridge Agreement, Decommission Agreement, Contribution Agreement, Development Agreement & Complaint Resolution Agreement and answered the Commissioners' questions. Commissioner Blair discussed haul roads and the preconstruction process. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation and reviewing the agreements.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that he is working on some issues on the landfill contract.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed payments to Earles Engineering & Inspection Inc for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Projection for the first part of Option 2 of the contract in the amount of \$26,100. He explained that the Commissioners approved payment of the balance of the original contract in the amount of \$7,200 on Friday, April 3, 2020.

On motion (20-168) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve payment to Earles Engineering & Inspection Inc for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project on the Option 2 of the contract in the amount of \$26,100 in addition to the balance of the original contract in the amount of \$7,200 that was approved on 4/3/2020.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Moody stated that he had a call from a constituent about the landfill and Mr. Emerson stated that he spoke with Mr. Matt Sanders and Mr. Sanders stated that the corporate office has decided to limit access to haulers only as a result of the governor's order. Mr. Emerson stated that he will have this information posted to the County Website.

Item Five: Mr. Johnson asked about the letter to KDOT for the Chicopee signage. Mr. Emerson stated that the letter has been mailed.

Item Six: Mr. Johnson asked about the status of the research into trash services for all the county buildings. Mr. Emerson stated that he is having difficulty getting necessary information from one of the trash companies but will continue to work on this issue.

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Item Seven: Mr. Johnson stated that he spoke to the City of Pittsburg Assistant Planner Ms. Britten Brenner about the census and she stated that right now they are at a 50% response rate. Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Brenner would like assistant from the county in getting the public to respond to the census. Mr. Emerson will check on this issue.

Item Eight: Commissioner Blair stated that he has a bill for rock the county hauled for the new Osage Township Fire Department but needs some additional information for clarification and will revisit the issue on next Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will be closed to the public through April 19, 2020.

Item Two: April 10, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled in observance of Good Friday.

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 7, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:18 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by [BKW 4/07/2020 11:18 AM/amended BKW 4/13/2020 1:00 PM](#)