

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, December 13, 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.

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 (19-407) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair
that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the December 10, 2019 minutes of the Board of County
Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Table with 3 columns: Motion ID, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 19, 405, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 6, 2019 minutes. Row 2: Motion 19, 406, To approve the Equipment Lease with Purchase Option between GNBANK, NA and the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County Kansas in the amount of \$50,500 for 36 months at 2.3% interest for a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado for the Crawford County Sign Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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

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### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Rusty Akins, Emergency Management Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to the FEMA Reimbursement for the tornado damage earlier this year. He stated that FEMA should contact him either next week or the first week of January to go over the paperwork and get an end date. He stated he will contact the Commissioners when he has had the meeting with FEMA. Mr. Akins stated that he spoke with the Mr. Josh Smith, Regional Director and Mr. Smith believes the reimbursement should be 85%. Mr. Akins informed the Commissioners that he has completed 11 of the 17 on line certifications for Emergency Management and after the on-line certifications are complete, he will need to attend 4 separate week long sessions in Topeka.

**Item Two:** Deputy Sheriff Scott Tyrell presented the Contractual Provisions Attachment for the 911 Communications Tower at Greenbush. Mr. Tyrell stated that the contractual provisions require the Chairman's signature and needs to be signed before Hayden Tower will order any equipment. Mr. Emerson stated that he has worked with Mr. Tyrell on this document and the Contractual Provisions are part of the original bid packet. Commissioner Blair stated the road to get to the tower will be started next week.

**On motion (19-408)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Contractual Provisions Attachment for the 911 Communications Tower at Greenbush and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an Agreement and Authorization for Construction Work from Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative for a line extension for the 911 Communications Tower at Greenbush. He stated that this is for 500 plus feet of line that will added to the site for the tower. Mr. Emerson explained that the county's portion of the cost is \$6,971.95. He stated that once this is agreement is signed and the road completed, they should be ready to start construction on the tower. Mr. Tyrell stated he spoke to Craw-Kan and there is no cost for the internet service.

**On motion (19-409)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Agreement and Authorization for Construction Work from Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative for a line extension for the 911 Communications Tower at Greenbush and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Blair discussed the APEX tours that he and Commissioner Johnson attended. Mr. Johnson stated that it is a huge operation and Mr. Blair stated that it was a very interesting tour.

**Item Three:** Mr. Johnson stated that he attended his first SEK Recycling Center Board Meeting last night and was voted in as an official board member. He said that the budget was discussed at the meeting and the Recycling Center had a \$2,000 loss last month. Mr. Johnson stated that the center has let go 4 full time staff that have not been replaced and finances are still under a crunch. Mr. Johnsons stated that he also attended the City of Pittsburg Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting and initiatives for the recycling center and expansion opportunities were discussed at the meeting.

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** County Treasurer Joe Grisolano stated that the first half tax deadline is December 20, 2019 to be paid without interest or penalties. He explained that the taxes can be paid in the Treasurer's Office in the courthouse from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM or at the satellite office in the Pittsburg District Court building from 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM. Mr. Grisolano said that the tax payments can also be mailed but must be postmarked by December 20, 2019 and another option to pay is to pay online at the county's website at [www.crawfordcountykansas.org](http://www.crawfordcountykansas.org). He explained that online payments have increased quite a bit over the last few years. Mr. Grisolano also explained when the unpaid taxes are published in the newspaper.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson handed out a proposed resolution on a Weighted Local Preference Policy for Formal Sealed Bids. He discussed the contents of the resolution. Mr. Emerson stated that this can be discussed at a later date.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that requested that the county's lobbyist Mr. Bill Brady attend a meeting with an update. He stated that Mr. Brady will not be available on December 17, 2019 when the State Legislators will be here but can attend on December 27, 2019.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated that Attorney Pat Smith will be in attendance at the meeting on December 17, 2019 for an executive session on the opioid litigation.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair discussed the road for the new 911 Communications Tower at Greenbush.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody stated that he went by the site on 69 Highway where the Road and Bridge crews were removing trees for the Sewer District #3 Project and commended the crews on the job they did.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (19-410)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:33 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 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (19-411)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:48 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 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: December 17, 2019** – Local State Legislators addressing the upcoming legislative session.

**Item Two: December 20, 2019 – 10:00 AM** Budget Hearing on the 2019 Budget Amendment for Crawford County.

**Item Three: December 20, 2019 – 10:00 AM** Budget Hearing on the 2019 Budget Amendment for Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2 and Fire District #4.

**Item Four: December 27, 2019** – Opening of Rock Bids.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – The County Offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on December 24, 2019 is cancelled.

**Item Two: December 31, 2019** – The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the cash audit and the Motor Vehicle Department will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but will not accept any recordings due to software updates. The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners will be cancelled on this day.

**Item Three: January 1, 2020** – The County Offices will be closed all day in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

Deputy Sheriff Tyrell thanked the Commissioners for the time off for the holidays that the Commissioners gave the County Employees.

## 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 [December 13, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 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.**

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**Bobbi Wicker**

Deputy County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken BKW 12/13/19 10:52 AM/amended BKW 12/16/19 2:00 PM