

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, **EIGHTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, December 6, 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 (19-399) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 3, 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:

Motion 19	387	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 26, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	388	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and to reconvene by 10:26 AM
Motion 19	389	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 Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and to reconvene by 10:43 AM

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Motion 19	390	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:57 AM
Motion 19	391	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Mike Ehling and to reconvene by 11:22 AM
Motion 19	392	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 19	393	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Mike Ehling and to reconvene by 11:38 AM
Motion 19	394	To approve the November 2019 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 19	395	To adopt Resolution #2019-027, A Resolution Exempting Crawford County, Kansas from Using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the Preparation of its Financial Statements and Reports
Motion 19	396	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley in Brazilton with a public hearing set for Friday, January 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Motion 19	397	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Road located in the 1200 West Block of 660 th Avenue with a public hearing set for Friday January 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Motion 19	398	To close the county offices on December 24 th and December 25 th , 2019 and January 1, 2020 and that the Courthouse will be open until 10:00 AM on December 31, 2019 with the exception of the Motor Vehicle Office which will be closed all day

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Zoning Administrator Troy Graham requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (19-400) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator Troy Graham and to reconvene by 10:20 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:14 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson introduced Mr. Michael Ehling and stated that Mr. Ehling will be replacing Mr. Richard Pfeiffer as Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services. Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Pfeiffer is retiring at the end of the month and he had been a member of the search committee to find a replacement for Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Ehling was chosen to take the position. Mr. Ehling addressed the Commissioners and thanked them for trusting him with this role. Mr. Moody stated that Mr. Pfeiffer has done a wonderful job over the years in this position and this job choice was not taken lightly and they are confident that the right candidate was chosen for the job. Mr. Ehling spoke about the position and stated that the Commissioners should feel free to contact him at any time. He also stated that he tips his hat to Rick Pfeiffer for the outstanding job he has done. He explained Mr. Pfeiffer has been his boss the entire time he has been employed with Mental Health.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the 2019 Amended Budget for Crawford County. There was a discussion of the funds that need to be amended.

On motion (19-401) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the publication for the 2019 Budget Amendment for Crawford County and to set a hearing date of December 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Pyle stated that the Fire District budgets also need amended but he does not have all the paper work prepared and he will address this again later in the meeting.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that the in-kind work for the storm shelter at Crawford State Lake should be done today and Sewer District #4 Project tree removal along 69 highway will begin Monday. He also stated that the repairs on the one-ton truck are complete.

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Item Three: Commissioner Johnson stated that Apex Clean Energy would like to give a tour to the Commissioners of the site that is under construction in Neosho County near Thayer Kansas. He stated that the tours will take place on December 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Commissioner Moody stated that he will be unable to attend the tour due to meetings. Commissioner Johnson stated that he will attend the tour from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and Commissioner Blair stated that he will attend the 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM tour. Commissioner Blair stated that there will be a tour of the operating site in Allen County at a later date.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody requested that Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins attend a Commission Meeting to give an update on the FEMA reimbursement due to the tornado damage.

Item Five: Mr. Moody stated that he would like to congratulate CVB Director Devin Gorman for the outstanding job he did with the National Junior College Athletic Association National Football Championship game held last night at PSU. Mr. Moody stated that he attended the game and it was televised on CBS Sports. He said that it was an accomplishment to be able to host this game in Crawford County and also for the process to go smoothly. He also thanked Mr. Gorman for all the hard work he has done for Crawford County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (19-402) 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (19-403) 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:08 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:53 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:07 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Mr. Pyle presented Fire District #1, Fire District #2 and Fire District #4 2019 Amended Budgets. He explained the changes to the Commissioners and stated that this will allow the Fire Districts to spend what they have in cash.

On motion (19-404) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the publication for the 2019 Budget Amendment for Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2 and Fire District #4 and to set a hearing date of December 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 10, 2019 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Blue/Cross and Blue Shield Representative Cristy Mitchell.

Item Two: December 13, 2019 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign December mid-month bill and payroll vouchers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 24th and 25th, 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.

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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 [December 6, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:14 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 12/06/19 11:14 AM/amended BKW 12/9/19 11:00 AM](#)