

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [EIGHTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

County Clerk Elect Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-403) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 3, 2021** 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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	398	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 30, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	399	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Robert R Hobson and to request a refund in the amount of \$33.38 from the 2020 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	400	To approve the November 2021 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 21	401	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Sheriff's Department Employee Benefits and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 10:21 AM

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Motion 21	402	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Dr. Stebbins gave an update on COVID-19. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 12/4/2021. He discussed the uptake in cases from the Thanksgiving holiday and stated that the uptake was expected due to the holiday. He said the school impact is fairly minimized. He stated that the Health Department is working with the school administrators on the test to stay option. He discussed the new KDHE guidance on the testing program and will forward those guidelines to the Commissioners. He went through the gating criteria and spoke about the long-term care facilities that are affected. Dr. Stebbins explained that the vaccine breakthrough is at 3% to 10%. He stated that almost all hospitalized and seriously ill COVID-19 patients are non-vaccinated individuals. He discussed the antibody infusion and stated there a nationwide and statewide shortage on the monoclonal antibody therapy. He discussed the Merck oral product for treatment for COVID 19 and stated that Pfizer is following with another product and explained that product is not a hospital chain item and will be a pharmacy chain item and is not available yet. He stated that vaccinations and previous immunity are shown to be very effective in preventing serious illness and death and vaccines are still available throughout the community. He discussed the Omicron variant. Dr. Stebbins said they have not yet seen any booster break through cases so he recommends individuals getting the booster vaccine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (21-404) 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 the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and to reconvene by 10:30 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Dr. Stebbins, EMS Administrator, presented the Commissioners with the Crawford County EMS EMT/Paramedic Pay Upgrade Proposal. He explained the proposal to the Commissioners.

On motion (21-405) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County EMS EMT/Paramedic Pay Upgrade Proposal.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-406) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that Crawford County Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) would like a letter of support from the Commissioners in reference to adding a Heavy Equipment Operator training at the center. He stated that they would like a letter of support stating that the county would utilize the trained individuals. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Emerson will draft a letter.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Three: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-407) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:10 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 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair discussed the plows that were ordered and stated they should be here is about 2 weeks.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair gave an update on the status of the salt shed.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson discussed scheduling the local legislators to attend a meeting to discuss the funding increase that Community Corrections has requested from the state. Ms. Lusker will email the legislators and invite them to attend a meeting and try to schedule a date before the end of the year. County Counselor Jim Emerson suggested the County's lobbyist, Bill Brady be invited to attend also.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson state that Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Greenbush will be attending the meeting on Friday to address ARPA funding.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 7, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:16 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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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.

Lisa Lusker

County Clerk Elect

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 12/7/2021 11:16 AM/amended BKW 12/9/2021 12:30 PM