

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, **FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, January 21, 2022, 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 Lisa Lusker 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 (22-027) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 18, 2022** 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 22	23	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 11, 2022 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 610861 to 611088 dated January 14, 2022 in the total amount of \$813,357.42
Motion 22	24	To approve the Annual Summary & Review of the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan
Motion 22	25	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 AM

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Motion 22	26	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 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 11:31 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 THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Michael Swan addressed the Commissioners and discussed a situation with his daughter Meadowlark Elementary and testing positive for COVID-19. He stated his concerns with the quarantines, isolations and false positive tests. Commissioner Moody stated that he understands Mr. Swan's concerns.

Item Two: Mr. Brian Hanson addressed the Commissioners with concerns with quarantines, isolations and false positives. He discussed doctors and nurses working while COVID positive and actively sick with symptoms. Mr. Hanson stated that the Commissioners are supervisors of the County Health Officer and the Health Department and the Commissioners have legal authority over the Health Officer. He also stated that the Commissioners have the ability to override anything the Health Officer does in his role as County Health Officer. Mr. Hanson said that anything the County Health officer does is with the Commissioners' blessing including quarantines and isolations. Mr. Hanson discussed setting up a disbursement fund through the County to cover lost wages due to quarantines and isolation periods. He referenced K.S.A. 65-301 and read the statute to the Commissioners. Commissioner Moody stated he understands the situation but at this point the Commissioners' hands are tied. Commissioner Blair explained situations and problems with school staffing. Commissioner Blair said he was willing to listen to ideas to improve the situation, but that he has friends die of Covid in the last two months and wants to keep everyone safe. Commissioner Blair stated he is in contact with area superintendents and with the help of the health department, everyone is trying to keep schools open.

Item Three: Ms. Jenna Stout addressed the Commissioners and stated that she is one of a few parents that won't play the game because their kids can't play the game. Ms. Stout's 10-year-old son addressed the Commissioners and stated that he cannot wear a mask because he cannot breathe with one on, so now he cannot go to school.

Item Four: Ms. Lexi Cronister addressed the Commissioners and stated that her mother's name is Kari Kennard Cronister and her dad is Keith Cronister. Lexi stated that she is now homeschooled due to all the rules, regulations and mandates. She stated that she chose not to attend public school in Crawford County and now does not have to worry about masks or quarantines. She feels that now she is getting a quality education in her home instead of attending public school.

Mr. Hanson stated that Mr. Stout and Ms. Croninster are two examples of children that cannot be in the school system right now and he believes there are many more children

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with the same situation. He said that results in Crawford County and the school districts missing out on those dollars.

County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed contact tracing and stated that it is no longer being done. He also stated that there are other statutes that the County is required to follow besides K.S.A. 65-301 and there are statutes the County is required to follow regarding isolation and quarantine guidelines. He said that he believes that quarantines are on the verge of being done.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Adam Joseph Smith and to request a refund in the amount of \$18.78 from the 2020 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 1966 Antique vehicle was sold in February 2020.

On motion (22-028) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Adam Joseph Smith and to request a refund in the amount of \$18.78 from the 2020 tax rolls and 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: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the client numbers for the distribution of the Intellectual Disabilities funds.

On motion (22-029) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the distribution of the Intellectual Disabilities funds as presented by County Clerk Lisa Lusker.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Brad Stroud, Director of Live Well Crawford County with update on Live Well. He introduced Ms. Michelle Alt who works at the Restorative Justice Authority and serves as chair on the Addiction Prevention Taskforce. Mr. Stroud gave updates on the Pathways grant and explained what will be taking place. He also addressed the Kansas Prevention Collaborative Grant. Ms. Alt explained what has been

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taking place through this grant. Mr. Stroud addressed COPE (Communities Organizing to Promote Equity) and explained what this program will consist of.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2021) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,748.37. He explained that this is for the months of October, November and December, 2021. He also presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,846.41. He stated that this is for the month of December 2021 and this should wrap up this grant.

On motion (22-030) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2021) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,748.37 and the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,846.41 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that the credit card for the County Clerk needs to be changed to Lisa Lusker.

On motion (22-031) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a purchasing card for County Clerk Lisa Lusker with a \$2500 spending limit through GNBANK.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair discussed the Arnold Group and Mr. Emerson stated that they should be here in person to review job descriptions. Commissioner Blair stated that he has had a request from another county in Kansas for Crawford County's current pay rates for comparison.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that everything on schedule with the Freeto Building and he will be meeting with Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz on the Judicial Center. He also stated that salt shed is also on schedule.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (22-032) 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 Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:11 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 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:11 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-033) 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 the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:34 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 11:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:26 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (22-034) of Commissioner Blair 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 Public Information Office Position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Public Information Officer Samantha Norris and to reconvene by 11:42 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 11:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 25, 2022 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Shop Foremen and the 3 Road Foremen to discuss equipment.

Item Two: January 25, 2022 – 10:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2022 USD 250 Special Bond Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the Canvass.

Item Three: January 25, 2022 – Mr. Matt Godinez, Director of the SEK Regional Planning Committee with update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 26, 2022 – 2022 Local Government Day in Topeka. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 21, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:45 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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 1/21/2022 11:45 AM/amended BKW 1/24/2022 1:00 PM