

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [FIFTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, January 22, 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 Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-028) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [January 15, 2020](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 603601 to 603831 dated January 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$368,683.87, and
3. 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 21	21	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 11, 2020 minutes
Motion 21	22	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application 2021 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses APPLICANT: Dennis Bridwell "Diamond 6 D" PREMISES: 521 E McKay St, Frontenac, KS 66763(For consumption on the premises)
Motion 21	23	To increase the spending limit on the IT Department purchasing card from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and to increase the spending limit on the EMS purchasing card from \$500 to \$1,000

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Motion 21	24	To approve extending the Federal Government rules on Employee Leave for Isolation or Quarantine under local order due to COVID-19 until June 30, 2021
Motion 21	25	To approve the Economic Development Grant and Tax Refund for the county portion of 2019 real estate taxes for Sullivan Properties, LLC
Motion 21	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 Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM
Motion 21	27	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 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 11:03 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of Rock bids. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there were 2 bids received from Midwest Minerals and Mulberry Limestone. Mr. Pyle read each of the bids and stated each company included a copy of their 2020 Scale Certification. A copy of the bids is included with the minutes. Commissioner Moody suggested the bids be given to Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Engineering to review and return to the Commissioners with a recommendation.

On motion (21-029) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve giving the 2021 rock bids to Dennis Meier, Triad Environmental Services to review and come back with recommendations to the Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Ms. Teddi Van Kam, Health Department Director handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, January 21, 2021. Dr. Stebbins addressed the new positive cases this week and the drop in cases. He went through the numbers in isolation and in quarantine in the community and the numbers in isolation and in quarantine for the schools K-12. He discussed the Community Gating Criteria. Dr. Stebbins stated that the gating criteria lists 35 deaths and the state data has Crawford County at 59 deaths and Dr. Stebbins explained the reasons for the discrepancy. He spoke about the difficulty in the Contract Tracing managed by the Health Department. He gave information on the local hospitals and addressed positive cases, persons on ventilators

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and ICU & bed capacity. Dr. Stebbins stated that the students have returned back to campus at PSU and testing was done on incoming students going into the dorms. He addressed monoclonal antibody therapy. He gave information on the vaccinations given and the individuals that were given vaccines. He explained that Crawford County is approaching the 10% mark of the population of the county being vaccinated and hopes to reach 60% mark which will help the community overall but obviously 100% would be better. Ms. Van Kam addressed the Commissioners and stated that the total number of individuals currently in isolation in Crawford County is 241 and the total number in quarantine is 1,205. She gave a report on the testing outcomes through the Well Health Screenings. Commissioner Blair asked about 90-day immunity for people that were infected with COVID and asked if the college is following the guideline and Dr. Stebbins explained how the 90-day immunity works.

Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services addressed the Commissioners and stated that Dr. Stebbins was awarded the Hero of the Week award by Governor Kelly and he wanted to congratulate Dr. Stebbins on his award. Dr. Stebbins stated that the acknowledgement is a culmination of the local Health Officials, the Health Department employees, the Governmental Leadership and the community and although they named him as Hero of the Week, he in turn is naming everyone involved.

Ms. Janice Goedeke stated that the Mobile Van is also equipped to give vaccinations and will be used as a vaccination unit and will be going to the smaller communities when the vaccine is available. Commissioner Johnson was answered that due to the limited amounts of the vaccines being available right now, vaccinations are being done at the Health Department and when more vaccine becomes available, they will be utilizing the Mobile Van.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jasmine Kyle, SEK Humane Society Director addressing free pet food program. Ms. Kyle addressed COVID-19 and the influx of animals being brought to the Humane Society. She spoke about a charity program called Greater Good and the pet food that was donated to the humane society and also to the community. She discussed that Greater Good Charities for 2021 is focusing on pet food programs and how to be a partner for that program. She stated that the Humane Society is able to meet the guideline and the pet food is all free but the shipping is not. Ms. Kyle stated that the shipping costs for 20 to 25 pallets of food will be around \$2,000 to \$2,500. She said that WATCO Companies has donated space to store the food and the SEK Humane Society will run the program. She asked the Commissioners for assistance in paying for the shipping so the society will be able to provide this free pet food pantry for the public. She informed the Commissioners that one pallet of dog and cat food is 2,000 pounds and if they received the full 25 pallets that would be 50,000 pounds of free pet food for the community and would last several months. She answered Commissioner Moody that she has not yet submitted the applications, but first wanted to make sure that the money was available for the shipping costs. Commissioner Blair asked where the food would be shipped from and Ms. Kyle answered that she does not have that information yet. The Commissioners

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requested that Ms. Kyle follow through with the application and when more information is available for shipping, they will readdress this at that time.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Katie Sawyer, State Director, US Senator Roger Marshall's office wanted to introduce herself. She gave some information on herself and stated that they will have an office set up at Block 22 in Pittsburg to assist the tri-county area with any issue they should have.

On motion (21-030) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:50 AM.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Mr. Carl Huslig, Consultant from Grid Reliability Consulting, LLC addressed the Commissioners in reference to an upcoming transmission Project call Wolf Creek-Blackberry 345 kV Transmission Project through Ameren Transmission. Other officers of Grid Reliability Consulting participated via Zoom and they stated that they are asking the county officials to make them aware of any proposed developments in the county that could affect the route of this electric transmission line. Mr. Huslig stated that they would visit with the Commissioners again as a couple of routes are identified.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the Commissioners in reference to outstanding checks that were issued in 2019. He stated that the checks are jury duty checks for small amounts and one check for mileage. Commissioner Moody was answered that attempts have been made to contact the payees and 3 letters had been sent in a one-year time period. He requested approval from the Commissioners to cancel the checks and the money will go back into the district court fund.

On motion (21-031) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve cancelling the outstanding checks made payable in 1999 and to put the monies back into the District Court Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the Federal Paycheck Protection Program that was reopened on January 11, 2020 and stated that there is money available for this program through the new federal stimulus program. He stated that more information is available at sba.gov and a link will be put on the county website. He stated that this program is a loan at 1% interest but is also a forgivable loan.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair presented a truck proposal on vehicles for the Road & Bridge Department. He stated that he spoke with Shop Foreman Josh Peak and he would like to set up a program to see what equipment needs replaced and what can be utilized. He explained that he has a truck down in his district and it is a vehicle that had the engine replaced 6 years ago. The Commissioners would like to schedule a work session with Mr. Peak to discuss this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson addressed the employee evaluations and Mr. Pyle stated that he will complete the schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (21-032) of Commissioner Johnson 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 the COVID-19 policy under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:40 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 26, 2021 – Employee evaluations beginning at 9:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 22, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:42 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 by [BKW 1/22/2021 11:42 AM](#)/ amended [BKW 1/25/2021 3:30 PM](#)