

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, **FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, January 4, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

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

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-001) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 28, 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	443	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 21, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	444	To open the Public Hearing on the 2021 Crawford County Amended Budget and the 2021 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Fire District #3 and Fire District #4
Motion 21	445	To close the Public Hearing on the 2021 Crawford County Amended Budget and the 2021 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Fire District #3 and Fire District #4
Motion 21	446	To approve 2021 Crawford County Amended Budget and the 2021 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Fire District #3 and Fire District #4 as published
Motion 21	447	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, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Health Director Teddi Van Kam and to reconvene by 10:32 AM

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Motion 21	448	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the exit interview under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Larry Brunetti and to reconvene by 10:52 AM
Motion 21	449	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 APPLICANT: Mary E Gebhardt “Gebhardt’s Chicken Dinners” PREMISES: 124 N 260th St, Mulberry, KS 66756 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 21	450	To approve the invoice from Kansas Association of Counties for Crawford County’s 2022 KAC Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$7.959.83

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. Dr. Timothy Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and explained that there were 310 new cases last week which is up from 171 new cases last week. He stated that there are 367 individuals in isolation. He compared the cases from last year at this time to this year. He said that he expects the cases to trend down through the end of January and certainly through the end of February. Dr. Stebbins went through the information on cases in the schools K-12. He discussed CDC guidelines and benchmarks in schools. He reminded the commissioners that the Health Officials’ involvement with the schools is recommendation only and the officials do not have legal authority to mandate in the schools. Ms. Teddi Van Kam stated that the health department is doing vaccines and boosters Monday through Friday and explained the age groups eligible for the boosters. Dr. Stebbins said that Ascension Via Christi is currently out of the monoclonal antibody therapy doses and Girard Medical Center may have a few remaining. He explained that the county’s allotment of doses for next week is 12. He discussed the oral therapy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Dr. Timothy Stebbins requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-002) 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 the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Timothy Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:30 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Brian Hanson addressed the Commissioners. He discussed CDC's 5-day quarantine with a negative test. Commissioner Blair stated that there will be changes in the school protocol. Mr. Hanson also discussed the PCR tests. He stated that keeping children out of school that are not sick is a problem and needs to be addressed and needs to be top priority. Mr. Hanson made statements about Dr. Stebbins and masking that he wanted to be on record.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the December 2021 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of December. Mr. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the November 2021 to December 2021 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. She reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained that the software equipment purchase from the Consolidated 911 fund was the 3rd and final payment for that equipment. Commissioner Blair asked about a listing of the equipment lease purchases.

On motion (22-003) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the December 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor presented a request from Angie Hadley, Director Restorative Justice Authority requesting that Judge Brunetti, Judiciary Representative, Jerry Waltrip, General Representative and Brent Narges, Law Enforcement Representative be reappointed to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with terms ending in June 2024.

On motion (22-004) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the reappointment of Judge Brunetti, Judiciary Representative, Jerry Waltrip, General Representative and Brent Narges, Law Enforcement Representative to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with terms ending in June 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed trash that was dumped on a county road and showed a picture of the trash. He wanted the public to be aware of that if you are a Crawford County resident and have Crawford County tags on your vehicle you can use the landfill free of charge once a month on the free dump day. He also stated that the Recycling Center will accept certain items. He stated if there is trash dumped on the side of the road, the Sheriff's Department will search the trash for any papers with names and addresses and those individuals will be notified and given a certain amount of time to clean up the debris. Commissioner Moody stated that this issue has been a never-ending problem and the road & bridge crews have to clean up the debris. Commissioner Blair stated that there are state statutes that state those individuals can be prosecuted.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson discussed the cost-of-living increase for Crawford County Employees that was included in the budget.

On motion (22-005) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the cost-of-living increase that was included in the 2022 budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that there are some upcoming KAC functions. He stated that 2022 Local Government Day will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Hotel Topeka at City Centre in Topeka and County Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Kansas State Capitol.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that the clean up of the Chicopee property is slightly delayed due to some house fires that took precedence with the company that was hired. He also discussed the salt shed and the Freeto Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (22-006) 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 the employee evaluations under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 7, 2022 – Ryan Insurance discussing insurance renewal.

Item Two: January 11, 2022 – Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganizational Meeting.

Item Three: January 14, 2022 – Opening of Rock Bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 17, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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 [January 4, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:08 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 1/4/2022 11:08AM/amended BKW 1/6/2022 1:00 PM