

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, January 8, 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-009) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 5, 2020** 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 21	1	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 29, 2020 minutes
Motion 21	2	To approve the December 2020 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 21	3	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 21	4	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Early Retirement under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:38 AM

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Motion 21	5	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Specialist Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:55 AM
Motion 21	6	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:59 AM
Motion 21	7	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Specialist Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 12:11 PM
Motion 21	8	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:21 PM

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: County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Friday, January 8, 2021. Dr. Stebbins informed the Commissioners of the hospitals' status. He discussed the Community Gating Criteria and the School Gating Criteria K-12. He also discussed the Monoclonal Antibody Infusions and reported on how many doses have been given in each hospital. He stated that the vaccination program is still continuing and informed the Commissioners that 1,000 individuals have been vaccinated and discussed the groups of people that are being vaccinated. He said that the long-term care facilities' vaccination program is in progress. He stated that they anticipate Phase 2 of the vaccination program to start sometime in February. Dr. Stebbins explained who would be eligible for the vaccination in Phase 2. Dr. Stebbins discussed the approximate number of individuals to be vaccinated in Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4 and who will be eligible in each of these phases. Ms. Van Kam stated that are currently working on sites for the Phase 3 and 4 vaccination programs and Dr. Stebbins stated that at that time they will be asking for help from the county. He stated that the current vaccination process is going very well. Ms. Van Kam stated that all the vaccination doses allotted to them at the health department have been given. Dr. Stebbins discussed the long-term care facilities and the current number of deaths. He discussed the increased rate from Christmas and New Years and the cycles that we will be going through to get past this increase in cases. He addressed the schools K-12 and said the Health Officials had a meeting on Wednesday with the all the local school administrators on mitigation strategies.

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Ms. Van Kam reported on the Mobile Testing Unit.

Ms. Van Kam stated that the information that Kansas is last in the percentage of people being vaccinated was the result of a data feed error and that Kansas is actually 2nd.

County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he was notified by KAC that the State of Kansas has a website available for people that are interested in vaccinations and the website is kansasvaccine.gov. He stated that the web site was launched yesterday and he gave some information on what is available on the website.

Mr. Michael Ehling stated that the phases are also listed on the website.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Rusty Akins, Emergency Management Director addressed the Commissioners with an update. He informed the Commissioners that he is still working on getting PPE. He explained that entities contact him with their PPE needs and he orders the supplies and delivers them when they come in. He stated that he has ordered test kits. He said that 2 weeks ago Ascension Via Christi was in need of ventilators and he ordered and received 5 ventilators from the state for their use. Mr. Akins explained that he is in the processing of distributing new Emergency Response Guides to local law enforcement and fire departments. He stated that updated guides are sent out every 4 years. He said that he has also been issuing ID badges to those who have expired badges. He explained that Dr. Stebbins contacted him about reusable gowns for the fire departments and he is in the processes of purchasing those. He said that he did have some disposable gowns at the time that he was able to give the departments. He discussed a Mass Distribution Plan. He stated that he is still working on his certification and is also working on the EMPG Grant. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Akins for his update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (21-010) of Commissioner Blair 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 Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling 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.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$10,045.00. He stated that this is for the months of October, November and December 2020. He explained that the amounts are higher this year due to Crisis Resource Center receiving additional funding due to COVID-19. Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County is the pass through for these funds.

On motion (21-011) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$10,045.00 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 Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2021-001, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees. He explained that this is an ongoing program and it is researched for eligible employees and it is a benefit for the County and the health insurance is a benefit for the employee. The employee has until July 1, 2021 to state their intention and has until December 31, 2021 to retire. He explained that this program is exactly the same as the one approved last year. He explained the county only offers to pay the insurance for the employee for 5 years.

On motion (21-012) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2021-001, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson addressed the SPARK Program and stated that Mr. Michael Bodensteiner, the employees at Greenbush and Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Randi Ryan did a fantastic job in administering the SPARK Program and spent countless hours on this program. He said that he is proud to announce that on Wednesday the final report

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was turned in and zeroed out and all the funds have been spent. He also thanked the Crawford County Task Force for their assistance. Mr. Emerson said that this was a massive project to undertake in a short time frame in which the county successfully sent out \$7.8 million to various entities including businesses in the county.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed the new stimulus package and discussed a PPP program which is a loan that is forgivable loan if followed correctly and information should be coming out next week for local businesses.

Item Three: Mr. Johnson addressed employee evaluations and Mr. Emerson gave an update on the status of the evaluations.

Item Four: Mr. Johnson asked about the status of the work with the Arnold Group and Mr. Emerson stated that Ms. Ryan is working with this company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-013) of Commissioner Blair 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 address Health Insurance and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 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 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 11, 2021 – 9:15 AM Swearing in Ceremony for the Newly Elected County Officials with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting to follow at 10:00 AM.

Item Two: January 15, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut to discuss a tower project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: January 12, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioner Regular Session is cancelled due to the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 11, 2021.

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 8, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:17 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 1/08/2021 11:17 AM/amended BKW 1/8/2021 1:00 PM