

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, FORTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Friday, June 18, 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 (21-184)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 15, 2021** 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	180	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 11, 2021 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 606537 to 606775 dated June 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$467,155.72
Motion 21	181	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 10:36 AM
Motion 21	182	To approve the bid from Wright Asphalt Company for chip and seal oil for the Road & Bridge Department as recommended by Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 21	183	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 Position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:08 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:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins was present via Zoom. Executive Administrator Michael Ehling discussed the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 6/17/2021. He spoke about the new cases and stated that most of the hospitalized cases are unvaccinated individuals and it is important to get the message out that it is important to get vaccinated. He addressed the vaccination clinics available at the Health Dept. and stated that the pharmacies are still offering vaccinations. They also discussed the number of vaccines given each week.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2021-005 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. He stated that in Section 7 it states that Crawford County shall allocate \$15,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals.

**On motion (21-185)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2021-005, a Resolution of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2021.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting Resolution #2021-006, A Resolution Appointing Zach Edwards as County Appraiser for Crawford County, Kansas for a period of 4 years with a term beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Emerson stated that this resolution is a statutory requirement that started in 1993.

**On motion (21-186)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #2021-006, A Resolution Appointing Zach Edwards as County

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Appraiser for Crawford County, Kansas for a period of 4 years with a term beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025.

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2021-007, A Resolution Expanding the Hours of Sale at Retail of Cereal Malt Beverage in the Original Package within the Unincorporated Area of Crawford County, Kansas. Mr. Emerson stated that the expanded Sunday sales are included in House Bill 2137. He explained that retail sales are now allowed to begin at 9:00 AM on Sundays and the previous county resolution allowed retail sales to begin at noon. He stated that the resolution comes with a 60-day protest period after publication and if the 60-day period goes by without a protest the resolution will become valid. If there is a protest petition expanded sales would have to be approved by the voters. Commissioner Johnson was answered that the cities will each have to pass their own resolution or ordinance.

**On motion (21-187)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2021-007, A Resolution Expanding the Hours of Sale at Retail of Cereal Malt Beverage in the Original Package within the Unincorporated Area of Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Johnson stated that yesterday he attended a meeting of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission which involves 12 counties. He explained what took place in the meeting and stated that additional funds were received this year and the SEKRPC is looking into providing money and assistance to businesses in each of the counties. There was a discussion of grant writing workshops.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle updated the Commissioners on the status of the 2022 County Budget. He stated that Ms. Cristi Mitchell from Blue Cross and Blue Shield will attend an upcoming Commission meeting to discuss estimates on next year's health insurance premiums and he is in contact with Ryan Insurance for an update.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** 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 (21-188)** 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

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Relationship to discuss the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 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 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: June 29, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign June bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: June 29, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Budget Work Session.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: July 5, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [June 18, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:50 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken by BKW 6/18/2021 10:50AM/amended BKW 6/21/2021 1:30 PM