

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [NINETEENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, March 16, 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 (21-081)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [March 12, 2021](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 604812 to 605045 dated March 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$317,296.86.

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	78	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 9, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	79	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 discuss the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:37 AM
Motion 21	80	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 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 11:48 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:** Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services addressed the Commissioners. He discussed federal legislation that just passed that could include funding for the health department. He stated that the Governor issued an order to go into Phase 3 and Phase 4 for COVID-19 vaccinations effective Monday, March 22, 2021.

Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Ms. Janis Goedeke addressed the Commissioners in reference to COVID-19 vaccinations. Ms. Van Kam stated that they are very excited to be able to open up to Phase 3 and Phase 4 for the vaccinations and are in the process of making plans for clinics. She said that appointments are being made now for a clinic on March 24, 2021 at Pittsburg High School. Ms. Van Kam explained the individuals that qualify for the vaccinations in Phases 3 and 4. She also explained why clinics by appointment are more organized than open clinics. She discussed the type of vaccines she anticipates receiving. The Commissioners stated that if any help is needed from their road crews to let them know. Ms. Van Kam stated that there will be a booster clinic at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on March 25, 2021. She discussed individuals that received the first vaccine and did not come back for the booster and Commissioner Johnson requested information on percentage numbers for that group and Ms. Van Kam stated that she will work on this. Ms. Van Kam stated that by only having the first vaccination, those individuals have 75% coverage from COVID-19. She stated that the Health Department is still collaborating with CHC. She also stated that there has never been a charge for the vaccinations. There was a discussion on vaccination scheduling.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Devin Gorman, Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Executive Director presented a request for Ms. Shelby Canon to be appointed to the CVB Advisory Board. Mr. Gorman stated that Ms. Canon has been recommended as a board member by the CVB Advisory Board. He stated that she will be replacing Ginger Cawley who moved out of the county.

**On motion (21-082)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Ms. Shelby Canon to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board as recommended by the CVB Advisory Board.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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**Item One:** Mr. Brandon Spaur, IT Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to cyber insurance. He presented a Cyber Insurance Renewal Proposal from Evolve. Commissioner Moody stated that the premium has increased from last year and Mr. Spaur explained that the premium increase was due to the number of cyber claims in the last year all over the world. Commissioner Moody questioned the surplus lines tax included in the proposal and the service fee and Mr. Spaur will call the agent for an explanation and readdress later in the meeting.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented information on two Webinars put on by the Kansas Association of Counties on the American Rescue Plan with dates and times of the Webinars.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting an Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas on Project No. 19 C-5067-01 through the High Risk Rural Road Project. Mr. Emerson stated that this is a continuation of a project that started at 171 Highway on Lee Hurt Road up to 126 Highway and this round is from 126 Highway to US 160. Mr. Emerson explained the repairs to be done on the road. He went through the estimated total cost involved and the amount to be paid by the State and the amount that will be the County's responsibility. He stated that for this round the State will run the project for the county and the county is not eligible to participate in the project. Mr. Emerson explained some other details of the agreement. He stated that this technically is a 2022 project and will probably not start until 2022.

**On motion (21-083)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas on Project No. 19 C-5067-01 through the High Risk Rural Road Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued**

**Item One continued:** Mr. Spaur reported back to the Commissioners on the Cyber Insurance and introduced Mr. Chris Bohrer from Wood Dulohery Insurance and stated that Mr. Bohrer will answer any questions via phone call. Commissioner Moody asked about the \$300 Service Fee and Mr. Bohrer stated that amount is a broker fee which is from Evolve. Commissioner Moody also asked about the 6% Surplus Line tax in the amount of \$558.00 and Mr. Bohrer stated that this is a charge enforced by the State of Kansas and explained what the tax is for. He stated that the tax is 6% of the premium.

**On motion (21-084)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the renewal invoice from Evolve through Wood Dulohery Insurance, Inc for Cyber Insurance in the amount of \$9,858.00.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody stated that Crawford County is fortunate to have the Health Officials and Health Department we have and they have led us through this pandemic and we are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-085)** 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:52 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:52 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-086)** 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via phone call and to reconvene by 11:13 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 10:53 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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## NEW BUSINESS continued

**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle addressed Good Friday on April 2, 2021. The Commissioners decided to close the Courthouse on Friday, April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday and to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting for that day.

**On motion (21-087)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to close the Courthouse on Friday, April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: April 2, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday and the Regularly Scheduled Session of the Board of County Commissioners is canceled on that day.

## 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 [March 16, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:11 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 3/16/2021 11:11 AM/amended BKW 3/18/2021 3:30 PM