

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, March 20, 2020 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.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson was in attendance via telephone call.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (20-134) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 17, 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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	130	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 13, 2020 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 597282 to 597514 dated March 13, 2020 in the total amount of \$274,629.11
Motion 20	131	To approve a Letter of Commitment for Live Well Crawford County for the Phase 2 of Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	132	To approve the Promissory Note Lease Purchase agreement between Community National Bank & Trust and the Board of County Commissioners for a 2019 Kenworth Fire Tuck for Crawford County Fire District #2 in the amount of \$233;635.29 for 120 months at 2.23% interest and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 20	133	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 wind farm agreements and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on vacating and closing a certain road in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (20-135) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the public hearing on vacating and closing a certain road in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-136) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the public hearing on vacating and closing a certain road in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson explained where the road is located and stated that all adjacent owners agree with the vacate. Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2020-005, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Certain Road in Crawford Township designated as County Road & Bridge Department Road Number 144 located on the section line in between Sections 8 and 9, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (20-137) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2020-005, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Certain Road in Crawford Township designated as County Road & Bridge Department Road Number 144 located on the section line in between Sections 8 and 9, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson stated that as of today there are no cases of COVID-19 in Crawford County. She informed the Commissioners of the local health organizations that are doing the virus testing and since there are so many different organizations doing testing, she cannot give an accurate count of persons under investigation but possibly 35 to 40 at this time. She stated that Cherokee County did have a confirmed case. Ms. Adamson stated that the guidelines for testing have changed a little bit on screening and explained the changes. Commissioner Moody asked Ms. Adamson what the Commission can do to assist and Ms. Adamson stated getting the messaging out to the public is important. She stated that the health department is having daily calls with the state. She said that individuals should not travel out of their county unless necessary and stay in your home county for social distancing and she addressed county quarantines. Ms. Adamson said that travel quarantine is now a mandate. She addressed quarantines and the health care profession. Mr. Emerson addressed criminal violations if a quarantine order is ignored. Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Adamson about bar and restaurant guidelines and Ms. Adamson explained the orders from the governor on this issue. Mr. Johnson explained the concerns he has heard from local restaurant owners. The Commissioners discussed curb side and delivery issues and restaurant closings and discussed ways for the owners to communicate with the Commissioners about their hardships during this time. Ms. Adamson stated that other business beside restaurants are experiencing difficulties.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Emerson presented Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by US Com Inv Inc and to request an abatement in the amount of \$201.54 from the 2017 tax rolls and \$182.76 from the 2018 tax rolls. Mr. Emerson explained that the mobile home should have been assessed on the personal property tax rolls because the owners of the real estate sold the mobile home. The mobile home has been added to the Personal Property tax rolls for 2017 and 2018.

On motion (20-138) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by US Com Inv Inc and to request an abatement in the amount of \$201.54 from the 2017 tax rolls and \$182.76 from the 2018 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item One: Mr. Emerson presented Change Order #4 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Emerson explained the details of the change order.

On motion (20-139) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve Change Order #4 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project 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: Mr. Emerson addressed public access and procedures taken due to the COVID-19. He addressed what steps are being taken at different departments in county and different ways to assist the public with county business. He stated that the Judicial Center in Pittsburg is open but for limited types of cases. Sheriff Smith stated that at the Sheriff's Department the lobby has been closed to the public and that a phone has been installed in the foyer for the public to contact the administrative staff and also used for bondsman to bond out an inmate. He explained different venues for the inmates to have outside contact. He stated that his department is not doing vehicle inspections and is working with County Treasurer Joe Grisolano on options for vehicle inspections. Sheriff Smith discussed other procedures his department has implemented during this time. Sheriff Smith explained a program his department is launching today called the Sheriff's Assistance Program to provide assistance with picking up medications, groceries or other necessary items for citizens that cannot get out or do not want to get out due to COVID-19. Mr. Emerson addressed restricting access to county buildings specifically the courthouse and feels it might be prudent to continue for another week with restricting access. County Treasurer Joe Grisolano addressed the steps his office is taking to assist the public with their county transactions. Mr. Grisolano and Sheriff Smith addressed vehicle inspections and stated that KDOR is recommending to the Governor's Office extending the deadlines for temporary tags and for April and May tag renewals. Mr. Grisolano stated that his office is not doing Driver's License renewals during this time. Mr. Emerson explained a template for an information press release that is being worked on and stated that he is working on an administrative leave policy. He stated that he is also working on child care issues due to day care and school closings.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Rusty Akins, Emergency Management Director addressed the Commissioners and stated that he is putting in medical requests for equipment to the state. He is in daily contact with the Emergency Managers throughout the state.

Item Two: Mr. Michal Ehling, Mental Health Executive Director addressed the Commissioners and stated his departments are moving toward technology-based solutions. He addressed Tele-Health.

Item Three: Mr. Angie Hadley, RJA Director discussed supervised visitations with offenders and stated that the staff is coming to the office but all contact with offenders is

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done by phone or email only. The Commissioners stated that if the staff is able, they can do their job from home.

Item Four: EMS Director Randy Sandberg stated that his billing department has been closed to the public and there is call button in place if an individual should need service. He stated he has been working with Mr. Akins on medical supplies and stated he is running short on some supplies. There was a discussion on ordering supplies.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the departments should watch spending during this time.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 27, 2020 – Public Hearing to vacate a platted street & alley in PC Guinn's First Subdivision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will be closed to the public until March 27, 2020 and the Commission Meetings will be held as scheduled at this time.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 20, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:15 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 3/20/2020 11:15 AM/amended BKW 3/22/20 2:30 PM](#)