

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday March 24, 2020 9:00 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.

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 (20-140) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 20, 2020** 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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	134	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 17, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	135	To open the public hearing on vacating and closing a certain road in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	136	To close the public hearing on vacating and closing a certain road in Crawford Township, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	137	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

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Motion 20	138	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
Motion 20	139	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer addressed the Commissioners. She presented a map of the state that has different entities with different limited access guidelines. She stated cases are going up approximately 20% each day in the State of Kansas. She addressed the costs of the lab testing and billing insurance companies. There was a discussion on a fund that was set up for emergencies and Pandemic and using these funds for the pandemic COVID-19. She discussed positive tests and issuing isolation orders.

On motion (20-141) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve allowing the Health Department to access the COVID-19 fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

She discussed the Governor's Executive Orders and presented a sample Order from the Crawford County Board of Health and County Health Officer. She explained that her recommendation is that this order be passed to decrease the spread of the virus. She discussed her duties as County Health Officer. She discussed the hardships business owners are experiencing during this time. Commissioner Johnson discussed the order. Ms. Adamson stated that this order can be passed today and then readdress if needed and make changes if necessary. She expressed her recommendation to approve this order. She stated that these recommendations are from the federal government and Kansas is not acting alone and are following recommendations from the federal government. The Commissioners and Ms. Adamson discussed the actions of citizens and helping in not spreading in the virus. Ms. Adamson stated that this is an open-ended order and in effect until rescinded. She discussed the guidelines for different businesses set out in the order.

Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners and thanked the Commissioners and Ms. Adamson for their leadership during this time. He stated that he appreciates all the business owners that have concerns for the community's health and the health of their customers and employees and making sure their employees have jobs when this is over. Mr. Benson asked questions about manufacturers and other businesses and allowing employees to work. Mr. Benson discussed the responses from the restaurants that the chambers polled.

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Ms. Jessica Ripper, Director of the Girard Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners and stated that the businesses in Girard have been finding alternate ways they can still serve the public and stay open and others have closed specifically hair salons. She discussed aid to businesses that are becoming available.

Ms. Adamson stated that there are 89 counties in Kansas that do not have a confirmed case and the Governor is not issuing a stay at home order at this time.

Mr. Micky Pyle, Girard City Mayor addressed the Commissioners and explained what precautions the City is taking with their employees and reported on some of the businesses in the city. He also stated that the Council Meetings are being done by video.

Commissioner Johnson requested that essential government functions be added to the order. County Counselor Jim Emerson will amend the order and return.

It was discussed that the order should take effect 24 hours after the passing of the order.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Greg Gorman, Superintendent USD 246 addressed the Commissioners about face to face contact with the students. Ms. Adamson discussed the guidance sent to the districts from the Department of Education and stated that the decision is up to the County Board of Health and County Health Officer. She stated that she would prefer no face to face contact to limit the spread of the virus. Ms. Adamson stated that she has offered to meet one on one with each school district to go over their plans.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson discussed limited hospital capacity and Ms. Adamson stated that is something that the hospitals are currently working on and Ms. Adamson stated she has not seen any plans as of yet. Mr. Johnson also asked about ventilator availability and Ms. Adamson explained that this issue is also being worked on and she does not have an exact count but each hospital does have a count. Mr. Johnson discussed day care at the Health Departments and Ms. Adamson stated that the Crawford County Health Department has not had to implement this.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair asked Ms. Adamson if she agreed with the procedures being taken at the Courthouse at this time and she stated that she sees no issues with this. Commissioner Blair asked about the procedure that would be implemented if an employee of a large business should test positive for the virus and Ms. Adamson explained the steps that would be taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Item One: Commissioner Moody discussed the road and bridge crews and the precautions that are being taken and it was decided to make not changes with at this time.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed Sheriff Smith about the Sheriff's Assistance Program and Sheriff Smith stated that they have assisted a few people. He discussed the calls they have been receiving.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH continued

Item One continued: Mr. Emerson presented the amended order with the changes requested. The Commissioners decided that the order will go into effect on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 12 Noon. Mr. Blair stated that any business that this puts a hardship on can come to the Commissioners with a plan. Ms. Adamson asked what the procedure is to be taken if the businesses have a plan. The Commissioners stated that the owners can call and ask to put on the agenda and speak with the Commissioners as the Crawford County Board of Health.

On motion (20-142) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Health Department Order of the Crawford County Board of Health and Public Health Officer to take effect March 25, 2020 at 12 noon and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed no public access to the Courthouse and stated that they only time the public is allowed access is during the Commission Meetings and the public is screened before entering the building. He addressed the procedures to be taken in assisting the public with county business. He addressed county employees time off during this time and other precautions. He presented a draft of an Administrative Leave Policy and the issues addressed in the policy. He stated that part of the policy is the new federal guidelines as part of the Family Medical Leave Act and Childcare. The Commissioners will review and address at a later date.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 27, 2020 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign March bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: March 27, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing to vacate a platted street & alley in PC Guinn's First Subdivision.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [March 24, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:15 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 3/24/2020/amended BKW 3/25/2020 1:00 PM](#)