

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, FIFTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, March 2, 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 Bruce Blair and Tom Moody 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 (21-068) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the February 26, 2021 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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 21, 66, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 23, 2021 minutes. Row 2: Motion 21, 67, To approve the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan 2020 Update.

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

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**Item One:** Ms. Jasmine Kyle, Business and Promotions Manager SEK Humane Society addressed the Commissioners in reference to the free pet food program for the public. Ms. Kyle stated the society received 25 pallets which consisted of 38,000 pounds of free food and supplies donated from the Chewy pet food company. She presented the Commissioners a bill for the shipping of the supplies in the amount of \$2,300.00 which the Commissioners agreed to pay. She explained that 80% of the supplies received were cat and dog food, 10% was chicken feed and the other 10% was a mixture of rabbit food, beta aquarium tanks, cages, water bowls and other supplies. She stated that 100% of this donation will be given to the public for free. She explained that the program will start tonight and will be every Tuesday from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM and they will add another day if needed. Ms. Kyle said that all COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and explained how the program will take place. She stated that with this amount of food the program should hopefully be able to run for around 4 months. She wanted to thank the Commissioners on behalf of the SEK Humane Society and the public for the donation in paying for the shipping costs. She explained to the Commissioners the hardship that took place with families and their pets when the pandemic started and how the free pet food programs have helped. She explained that the facility is at full capacity.

**Item Two:** Mr. Jeff Spangler, Public Engagement Organizer for APEX Clean Energy, addressed the Commissioners with an update on the Jayhawk Wind Project. He informed the Commissioners that Apex Clean Energy has sold the Jayhawk Wind Project in Crawford County to WEC Energy Group and Invenergy which is a subsidiary of WEC Energy Group will operate the wind farm. He explained to the Commissioners that the sale of the project was always the goal and that the local landowners terms would not change. Mr. Spangler stated that the new owners have asked him to remain as the public engagement officer to communicate with local residents and entities about the project.

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the February 2021 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of February. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the January 2021 to February 2021 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures. Mr. Pyle explained that the payment of the county's annual Property, Casualty, Liability and Workmen's Comp policy in February has caused expenses for several of the funds to be higher than normal.

**On motion (21-069)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the February 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.

#### **On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle discussed a notice that he received from the Federal Aviation Administration in reference to an aeronautical study on a project in Hepler.

### OLD BUSINESS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (21-070)** 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 the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson 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.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (21-071)** 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss landfill contract negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via phone call and to reconvene by 11:22 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 10:52 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item One: March 5, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with County Health Officials.

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**Item Two: March 5, 2021** – Ms. Addison Tucker, Field Rep, and Ms. Whitney Tempel, Field Rep, for the office of Representative Jake LaTurner.

**Item Three: March 9, 2021 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### 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 2, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:26 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 3/02/2021 11:26 AM/amended BKW 3/4/2021 10:00 AM