

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTEENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, March 5, 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 (21-072) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [March 2, 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	68	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 26, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	69	To approve the February 2021 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 21	70	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
Motion 21	71	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

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		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
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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 addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, March 4, 2021. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins stated that the county is in a much better state and went through the Community Gating Criteria. He said there is only 1 COVID-19 related admission in the hospital at this time but the admission is in ICU on a ventilator. He reported on the number of vaccines given. Dr. Stebbins also went through the School Gating Criteria K-12. He stated that they had a meeting with the school superintendents and discussed the new KSHSAA requirements. He also discussed the vaccination of school age children.

Ms. Van Kam stated that the mobile van is going again and will be out next week doing testing in the smaller communities in the county. She said that Well Health is still doing testing at the Bicknell Center at PSU and she reported on the cumulative statistics for Well Health testing.

Dr. Stebbins and Dr. Linda Bean discussed the restrictions put in place by the County Health Officials. He also discussed the Governor's orders. He stated that the county has reached a point that Crawford County Local Health Officer Order No. 3 is not needed and would like to reconsider the order. He explained the reasons why they feel that Order No. 3 is no longer needed. He stated that masks are still needed and that masks will get the county to the finish line. He explained that the finish line for the schools is the end of the school year and then they can readdress at the beginning of the next school year. He explained that the finish line for the Community is getting through Phase 3 vaccinations. Dr. Stebbins stated that he would like to rescind Crawford County Local Health Officer Order No. 3 but keep the mask mandate in effect. Dr. Bean explained why the health officers feel comfortable in rescinding Order #3. Dr. Stebbins stressed that they are not recommending to change the mask mandate. Commissioner Moody was answered that by rescinding the Order #3, businesses can operate at capacity. Commissioner Johnson asked about community events and Dr. Stebbins explained what will take place at community events if the order is rescinded. He stated that there are still some guidelines for community events in the governor's order that need to be followed and even though it is not mandatory to run mitigation plans by the Health Officers if the order is rescinded, it is suggested that they still do so. Dr. Stebbins explained that if the county does enter a worsened state, they will become restrictive again by following the data. Commissioner Johnson expressed concerns with nicer weather and people being more active in the community. Commissioner Johnson also asked about the other strains of the virus and Dr. Stebbins and Dr. Bean discussed this issue. Commissioner Moody clarified stating that the Health Officials are asking the Commissioners to rescind Crawford County Local Health Officer Order #3 but keep the mask mandate in place and Dr. Stebbins agreed.

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Commissioner Moody stated that the County has been blessed to have the Health Officers as professionals to guide us and we have followed all recommendations they have brought before the Commissioners and feels the Commissioners should continue to follow their recommendations.

On motion (21-073) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to rescind Crawford County Local Health Officer Order No. 3 and to keep the mask mandate in effect.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Addison Tucker, Field Rep, and Ms. Whitney Tempel, Field Rep, for the office of United States Representative Jake LaTurner introduced themselves and gave some background information. Ms. Tucker discussed where their offices will be located and what services they will offer.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that he and Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards will be meeting with Jayhawk Wind Group on Monday to discuss the road use agreement.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson discussed the state legislators attending a Commission meeting for an update. County Counselor Jim Emerson will work on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he forwarded the Commissioners an email that addressed Senate Bill #13 and briefly discussed the bill.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that the notice for the Crawford County Tax Sale was published in the paper on Wednesday so he will move forward. He explained that the sale is scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium. He stated that he is working with PIO Samantha Garrett and IT Director Brandon Spaur to get the information on the sale out to the public and to make sure they know that the location has changed for the sale to the Memorial Auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: 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 5, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 3/05/2021 10:52 AM/amended BKW 3/8/2021 3:00 PM](#)