

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (22-171)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the May 6, 2022 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:

Motion 22	168	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 3, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	169	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:27 AM
Motion 22	170	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 Health Insurance and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:50 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

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the 2022 KCCEOA Scholarship to Jeff Schremmer. Ms. Lusker gave information on the scholarships awarded by the organization. She stated that Mr. Schremmer is a Pittsburg Kansas resident and 2021 graduate of St. Mary's/Colgan High School. She explained that he finishing up his freshman year at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas and is studying in Political Science. The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Schremmer on his award.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Keith Browning addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he is the local road engineer for Kansas Association of Counties. He explained what his job entails and stated that he facilitates communication between the counties and KDOT on road issues. He stated that he would like to speak about Pavement Management Systems. He explained that this is a new approach to manage road maintenance in the county using spreadsheets and an inventory sheet. The system is designed to pinpoint and prioritize repairs according to the county budget. Mr. Browning has been traveling around the state to promote Pavement Management Systems to other counties, as well.

### NEW BUSINESS continued

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting Resolution #2022-005, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees. Mr. Emerson stated that program is similar to what has been offered in the past but a few years ago the decision was made to make it a 5-year commitment. He explained that the county will provide health insurance that is currently being provided to the employee for 5 years and that employee will still pay their portion of the premium. Mr. Emerson stated that the goal in offering this program is to hire in at a lower wage or absorb the position and in the past has shown to be a savings for the county. He explained the eligibility requirements to participate in the early retirement program.

**On motion (22-172)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2022-005, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Johnson stated that the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center currently uses space heaters that run on diesel to heat the building and the cost of diesel has increased recently. He explained that the Center is applying for a grant to cover the costs of installing 3 waste oil heaters in the facility as they have currently have approximately 500 gallons of used oil on hand that can be used in these heaters. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center is requesting a letter of support from the Commissioners to apply for this grant. The Commissioners decided to take a recess near the end of the meeting and Commissioner Johnson will draft a letter of support for the Commissioners to sign.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated that the federal government has opened the portal through ARPA funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> transfer of our funds. He stated that we received the first half of the funds in the approximate amount of \$3.75 million about this time last year and he has turned in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the funds and that is in the process.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that the tire reclamation project this weekend went well and Champlain Tire was in Girard yesterday picking up tires. He stated that there was a lot of water in the tires and he has asked Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales to treat the tires with insecticide.

**On motion (22-173)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session for a period of 20 minutes and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.  
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners reconvened the regular session at 11:05 AM.

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

**Item Three continued:** Commissioner Johnson presented a letter of support for the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center's application for Solid Waste Grant funding for oil heaters for the facility.

**On motion (22-174)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter of support for the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center's application for Solid Waste Grant funding for oil heaters for the facility.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: May 13, 2022 – 8:00 AM** Work Session with Shop Foreman Josh Peak to discuss evaluation and department update.

**Item Two: May 13, 2022 – 8:30 AM** Work Session with Sign Foreman Dale Shireman to discuss evaluation & department update.

**Item Three: May 13, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut and representatives from the State of Kansas to discuss 911.

**Item Four: May 17, 2022** – PSU President Dr. Steven Scott.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [May 10, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken BKW 5/10/2022 11:10 AM/amended BKW 5/11/2022 9:00 AM