

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **EIGHTY-NINTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, November 17, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

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

**On motion (20-464)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 13, 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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	462	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 10, 2020 minutes, Approval of the November 10, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Canvassers and Authorization of the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 20	463	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the landfill agreement in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:30 AM

### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

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**Item One:** Mr. Roger Burns addressed the Commissioners in reference to COVID-19 and spoke about preventive measures. He also spoke about local businesses and keeping them open. He expressed his concerns with the proposed vaccine and his concerns with flu shots. Mr. Burns thanked the Commissioners for letting him speak.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-465)** of Commissioner Blair 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 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services Michael Ehling and Health Department Director Janis Goedeke via telephone and to reconvene by 10:30 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 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners with an update on the Mental Health Department. He stated that his staff is in good shape and the case managers are working from the schools right now. He said they are working with a stay healthy routine with the staff. He discussed a 2019 year end report. Commissioner Moody asked about Public Service Announcements and Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett spoke about the announcements and explained that she is working on this with the Health Officials and also discussed where the announcements will be aired. Ms. Garrett also discussed the updated survey and presented the Commissioners with a copy. She went through the survey with the Commissioners. The Commissioners approved sending out the survey today with the addition of a question as to whether or not a Crawford County citizen is completing the survey.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the Elderly Funding, Historical Funding, Parks and Recreation Funding and Special Alcohol Funding for 2021. He presented the request form that was sent to the organizations in the prior years. He discussed the

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information that the organizations include in their requests. He asked that the Commissioners review the request form and make any changes and include any additional information they would like from the organizations. Commissioner Blair suggested asking the organizations how they spent the funds they received in the prior year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed employee evaluations and handed out a generic evaluation form he received from the Arnold Group. He stated that if the Commissioners agree with this form, he will have Randi Ryan, Director of Fiscal Services amend the form and get them out to the department heads. Mr. Blair would like to have a self-evaluation included in the form. The Commissioners approved the form.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that the Zoning Department vehicle is down and Shop Foreman Josh Peak has looked at the vehicle and believes he can repair it. Mr. Emerson said that the Zoning truck was handed down from the Appraiser's Office and has over 190,000 miles. Mr. Emerson discussed purchasing a floater vehicle in the future that can be used by different departments when needed.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson discussed the fence viewing and stated that the notices have been sent out and he received a call from the one of the parties' attorney stating that they wanted an engineer to be present during the viewing and their engineer is not available on the scheduled date of November 20, 2020 and would like to reschedule until December 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The Commissioners agreed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

**On motion (20-466)** of Commissioner Blair 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss COVID-19 mitigation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson 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 went into Executive Session at 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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**On motion (20-467)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zac Edwards 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 11:07 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

**On motion (20-468)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson 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 discuss landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:39 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 11:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Five:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-469)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Mr. Jim Vinze and IT Specialist Mr. Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:52 AM

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Six:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-470)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:01 PM.

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 11:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:58 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item One: November 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM** Work session to review and sign November 20<sup>th</sup> bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 1:00 PM** Fence Viewing located in Section 3, Township 29, Range 24. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for November 27, 2020 is cancelled.

### **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 [November 17, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:59 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.**

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**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 11/17/2020 11:59 AM/amended BKW 11/19/2020 12:30 PM](#)