

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **SEVENTY-SEVENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 2, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

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

Vice-Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (20-413)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 29, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	406	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 25, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	407	To approve the FY2020 11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcomes Report and the 11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections FY 2021 Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	408	To approve the appointment of County Clerk Don Pyle as the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties 2020 KAC Virtual Conference Event
Motion 20	409	To approve the reappointment of Chris Garzone to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 20	410	To approve increasing the combined spending limit on all county credit cards through GNBANK to a total of \$80,000 and to provide the bank the last two County audits
Motion 20	411	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 Director position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:10 AM
Motion 20	412	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 the landfill agreement and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 AM

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria. He stated that this week the county had 51 new cases which is down from the previous 2 weeks. He said that Via Christi has 5 positive cases, 2 persons under investigation and 1 on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has 1 positive case and the capacities at the hospitals are greater than 30% and the deaths remain at 8. He went through the School Gating Criteria. He expressed concerns that individuals may have symptoms of the virus but are not seeking help in order to avoid isolating or quarantining. Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean explained the weekly percent positivity rates. Commissioner Moody stated that he was concerned with the positive percentage for people age 65 and older. Dr. Stebbins stated that USD 246 High School has decided to go to remote learning for 2 weeks and explained that the decision was made by the school administration. Dr. Stebbins stated that this was decision was due to a high number of quarantines in the school and not a positive issue. He stated that the mitigation strategies in the schools are still proven to be very effective. Dr. Stebbins and Dr. Bean stated that they are very appreciative of the school administrations working with the Health Officials. Commissioner Johnson asked about testing rates and Dr. Stebbins explained the current testing rate and prevalence testing. The Commissioners and the Health officials discussed long term care facilities.

Health Department Director Janis Goedeke addressed the Commissioners with an update on the Health Department. She stated that she would like to address the community. She said that she is asking the citizens that if they are feeling ill please get tested and if you are positive, please tell the health officials the truth. She stated she is really impressed with the schools and the long-term care facilities with the hard work they are doing to prevent the spread of the virus. She stated that the Health Department now has 6 epi nurses and they have not yet hired the contact tracers. She stated that the County Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett has done an excellent job in helping with the posting of open positions. She explained that the employee wellness screenings began this morning and they did approximately 25 employee screenings. Commissioner Moody

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asked Ms. Goedeke to explain the protocol on what takes place after a person tests positive. She stated that their priorities are K-12, then long-term facilities and then the community and if the positive is a community person that the case gets routed to KDHE. Dr. Stebbins stated the reasons for establishing the priorities. Dr. Bean discussed the number of cases being handled by the Health Department and the number of cases being handled by KDHE. Dr. Stebbins explained the amount of work involved in following the mitigation procedures for the schools. Ms. Goedeke stated that the ELC grant funding will pay for 5 Care Resource Managers that will assist the schools. County Clerk Don Pyle asked about the requirements for the contact tracers and Ms. Goedeke stated that they advertised for an associates degree but do not have to stick with that and communications skills would be the most helpful in those positions.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS  
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC  
NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle explained that the City of Pittsburg Special Question Election will be held on October 6, 2020 and all 4 polling sites in the City of Pittsburg will be open that day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. He stated that early voting is open now in the County Clerk's Office for this election and there is an early voting site today at the Homer Cole Center from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and there will be one tomorrow at the Meadowbrook Mall from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. He explained that the ballot drop boxes for the General Election have been shipped and should be received next week and he has contacted Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz for assistance is getting the boxes installed by October 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there will be one drive up drop box located at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg and one at the Courthouse in Girard. He discussed the necessary information the voter has to complete on the advanced ballot envelopes.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody asked about the status of the SPARK funding and Mr. Emerson stated that today approximately \$3.9 million in funds are being mailed out. Mr. Emerson stated that is about ½ of the funds and the rest will be sent as the needed paperwork is returned. Mr. Pyle explained the county accounting procedures that are involved in disbursing the funds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated that the work session that was scheduled this morning on Crawford County Sewer District #2 was cancelled and that more information is being compiled before rescheduling the work session.

**UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

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**Item One: October 9, 2020** – Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Engineers, PA presenting bridge inspection.

**Item Two: October 13, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Canvassing of the ballots from the 2020 City of Pittsburg Special Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: October 6, 2020** – The City of Pittsburg Special Question Election will be held with all 4 polling sites in Pittsburg open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

**Item Two: October 12, 2020** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

### 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 [October 2, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:45 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**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 10/2/2020 10:45 AM/amended BKW 10/4/2020 1:00 PM