

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, October 9, 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.
Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.
Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-420) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [October 6, 2020](#) 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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

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| Motion 20 | 414 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 2, 2020 minutes |
| Motion 20 | 415 | To approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Contract for Coordination of Early Detection Works Provider Services in Southeast Kansas and authorize the Chairman to sign |
| Motion 20 | 416 | To approve the September 2020 Clerk's Report as presented |
| Motion 20 | 417 | 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 10:40 AM |
| Motion 20 | 418 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the COVID issues with employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:52 AM |

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| Motion 20 | 419 | To recess this open session for a period of 10 minutes |
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean were in attendance via Google Meets. County Health Director Janis Goedeke handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria. Dr. Stebbins updated the Commissioners on the information in the gating criteria. He explained that KDHE is still assisting with contact tracing, isolations and quarantines. Dr. Bean discussed long term care facilities and stated that 6 out of the 9 long term care facilities have cases. She stated that the facilities are doing an outstanding job in managing their staff and residents. Dr. Stebbins stated that their main request for today is to remind citizens that if you are sick, please seek medical care and get tested if necessary. Dr. Bean discussed concerns with Bourbon County and an outbreak in their jail facility and how that can impact our hospitals and community. Dr. Stebbins discussed concerns with the guidelines implemented by a couple of neighboring counties and how it could affect our county. Commissioner Moody suggested a meeting with those county officials about COVID-19 precautions. The Health Officials discussed the school criteria and discussed their concerns about community impact.

Commissioner Blair asked about isolation guidelines and Ms. Goedeke explained the protocol for anyone that is ordered to be in isolation. She stated that her concern is that they are tested and do not stay home while awaiting results. Ms. Goedeke updated the Commissioners on employee health screenings.

Commissioner Blair discussed a community survey about stress related to COVID-19 and also let the community know what services are available to them.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Gene Peterson, Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Engineers, PA presented the R.S. System and Off System Biennial Bridge Inventory and Appraisal. He explained the report to the Commissioners and stated that this report will be a permanent record in the Road and Bridge Department. He informed the Commissioners that two bridges in Crawford County dropped down to a 12-month inspection and both are sub structure related. He explained to the Commissioners what triggers 12-month inspections. He also stated that a lot of the reported issues are due to erosion and brush cleanup. Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards stated that one of the bridges that dropped down to a 12-month inspection is already on the list to be repaired. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Peterson for his report.

NEW BUSINESS

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,472.00.

On motion (20-421) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,472.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the Crawford County employee health insurance coverage for 2021 through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He explained the changes recommended by the Employee Benefits Committee.

On motion (20-422) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the 2021 Employee Health Insurance Coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas as recommended by the Employee Benefits Committee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-423) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session for a period of 10 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Regular Session was reconvened at 11:41 AM

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Crawford County Commission letter of support of Crawford County Mental Health Center's proposal of PDG Subgrant to Improve Quality Care and Connect Families to Services to implement Improvement Infrastructure and Service Programs at the Discovery Therapeutic Preschool.

On motion (20-424) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Crawford County Commission's letter of support of Crawford County Mental Health Center's proposal of PDG Subgrant to Improve Quality Care and Connect Families to Services to implement Improvement Infrastructure and Service Programs at the Discovery Therapeutic Preschool.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed the old landfill north of Frontenac and stated that the county is still required to maintain the landfill up to KDHE standards for a period of 30 Years and Interim Noxious Weed Director Cord Mays will need to be brought up to date on the work that is needed at that location.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated that the loader is in and the crews are making sure that it works well with the county trucks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 13, 2020 – 9:00 AM Canvassing of the ballots from the 2020 City of Pittsburg Special Election. The Regular Session scheduled for that day is cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: 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 9, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 10/09/2020 11:50 AM/amended BKW 10/15/2020 1:12 PM](#)