

Crawford County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with these members present: Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner; Rob Cummings, Commissioner District 1; Jared Boast, Commissioner District 2; De Dee Hamilton, Representing County Clerk; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included Karen Sikes, Kim Cook, Kellie Vestal, Darin Layman, Linda Kitchen, Walter Kitchen, Cynthia Redburn, Sue Greenstreet, Dave Vanderwerf, Lynn Vanderwerf, Danny Brown, Darren Dake, Jerry McLain, Kerry Summers, Justin Booher, Erik Lowes, Corky Stack, Angie Britton, Kevin Britton, Pitts Lesesne, and Gary Mace.

9:00 a.m.: Steve Black made a motion to amend the Crawford County Commission Meeting Agenda for February 14, 2023, moving closed session from 9:15 a.m. to after the citizens participation part of the Commission Meeting. Rob Cummings provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Yea

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

9:03 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Yea

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

The commission reviewed mail and other documents.

9:05 a.m.: Steve Black asked for citizens participation. Kerry Summers advised those present that he was against spending a million dollars on a coroner's building.

9:07 a.m.: Amy England entered the meeting.

9:07 a.m.: Pitts Lesesne informed those present of research he had done and also stated that he does not think the cost for the coroner building remodel is good, especially at the location being considered.

Kevin Britton addressed those present and also gave the opinion that the building being considered was not a good set-up for a coroner's facility. Kevin Britton sited possible soil contamination there.

9:17 a.m.: Rob Sikes inquired about the condition of a road in Road District 1. Danny Brown addressed the issue. Rob Sikes grew confrontational and the conversation got heated. Steve Black called for order. Darin Layman stepped in. Rob Sikes continued discussing the road conditions in the County.

9:21 a.m.: Cindy Redburn stated she was not in favor of what was being considered to spend on the coroners building.

9:24 a.m.: Pat Schwent said there was a problem with the security cameras in her office. De Dee Hamilton agreed to call the company and make them aware of the problem.

9:25 a.m.: Kellie Vestal said she was also speaking on the behalf of other elected officials when she stated understanding the need for a coroners facility and the coroner getting what he needed but that they thought it was too much money to do what was being considered.

9:25 a.m.: Pat Schwent voiced concern regarding the possibility of the end of personal property tax collection. She advised all in attendance that that would mean a \$3.7 million loss for the county if that happens.

9:30 a.m.: Darren Dake addressed those present, stating he understood concern regarding the costs for the coroners building, he also explained issues he is dealing with.

9:45 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer wanted the focus to be on centralizing the buildings the county has, that the county can't keep buying properties here and there.

9:47 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to go into closed session to discuss real estate and personnel. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Danny Brown, Darren Dake and Darin Layman were asked to stay.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Yea

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

11:00 a.m.: The commission returned to open session. Amy England, Corky Stack, Cindy Redburn, Dave and Lynn Vanderwerf, Sue Greenstreet, Darin Layman, Pat Schwent, Kim Cook, Darren Dake, Karen Sikes, Rob Sikes and Danny Brown were in attendance.

Steve Black made a motion to reject all bids on the property at 409 Franklin Street. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Yea

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

Jared Boast made a motion to purchase the property located at 501 E. Washington Street in Cuba, Missouri for the purchase price of \$400,000 with a renovation budget of \$300,000 for the Crawford County Coroner's Office and County Emergency Director's Office, for the express service of saving Crawford County taxpayers \$500,000. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Yea

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

11:03 a.m.: Steve Black addressed old business and the first round of ARPA fund disbursements. Jared Boast advised that money had to be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Karen Sikes inquired as to where that money would go if an entity couldn't meet that agreement. Jared Boast said then the commission would decide where it could be spent in the county; perhaps same entity could receive the money for a different project, but the commission would decide. MRPC sent letters advising entities of the rules regarding allocation and spending and would also send out notices of pertinent deadlines regarding the funding.

Sue Greenstreet asked if the second half of the ARPA funds were for County Roads. Rob Cummings said yes. Jared Boast said they had been advised to get bids, get the work done, and follow up with MRPC showing payment with a copy of the check used for payment.

11:10 a.m.: Steve Black inquired as to whether there were any more questions regarding the coroner bids. Subject covered.

11:10 a.m.: Steve Black went on to new business; the courthouse will be closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents' Day.

11:11 a.m.: Steve Black asked for any other comments. Cindy Redburn said she thought the commission had made a wise decision. No other comments.

Karen Sikes asked what the plans were for the other properties. Steve Black said the commission would address that later, that they have good ideas for those buildings.

The commission reviewed and signed bills.

11:20 a.m.: Steve Black asked Corky Stack if he needed to add anything. Corky Stack said he just needed to know their decision.

11:22 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the February 14, 2023 Crawford County Commission meeting. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet February 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner