

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, Darin Layman, Kellie Vestal, Franky Todd, Cindy Redburn, Pat Schwent, Pat Kerkseck, Amy England, Sue Greenstreet, and Jimmy and Hannah Delacourt.

9:01 a.m.: The meeting opened with prayer from Jimmy Delacourt.

9:03 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Agenda for May 23, 2023, with an amendment to include closed session to discuss real estate; Rob Cummings provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

9:05 a.m.: Cindy Redburn entered the meeting.

Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2023; Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Steve Black advised that he had received correspondence from Representative Ron Copeland regarding the SB 190 bill. Steve Black said he understood it to be an option the county has, not a mandate.

Steve Black advised that the Daughters of the American Revolution were holding a grave marking ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on June 10. Everyone was invited.

9:08 a.m.: Karen Sikes advised that ARPA funds that had been received should have gone into Capital Improvement for the Road District budgets but it was in the budget for General Revenue for the Road Districts. The order to issue the fund distribution will be amended to make the correction to the correct budgets.

9:25 a.m.: Franky Todd entered the meeting. Kellie Vestal advised that the Assessor's office would be sending out 600 impact notices.

Franky Todd asked about being included in a meeting regarding security in the courthouse. Darin Layman said he would send an email to the Elected Officials to get their concerns. Franky Todd was concerned that the new asphalt that had been put down was cracking and wondering whether it should be sealed by fall. Danny Brown thought it could hold off for a year but there was going to be another parking lot asphalted and he would talk to the company about looking at both lots.

9:28 a.m.: Steve Black advised that there was a board member opening for the library district. Three applications were submitted; Cathy Boero, Linda Todd and William Phillips. The library district was recommending the appointment go to Linda Todd. Discussion was held regarding the experience of the other applicants. Cathy Boero and Linda Todd were teachers, with Cathy Boero also having library experience. Steve Black commented on this being a contentious issue in the past and he wanted to find out more before making the appointment. Cindy

Redburn wanted to know why someone with library experience would be rejected. Amy England asked if this is how all board appointments would be handled now. Steve Black thought it would be a good idea. Jared Boast commented that typically, the commission appoints after the boards recommend. Steve Black wanted a list of people who were serving on the various county boards. Cindy Redburn said they needed to be careful who they're appointing to boards with large budgets, and they should take it seriously. Steve Black tabled the appointment until next week so that he could find out more behind the reasoning for not choosing someone with library experience. Jared Boast said he was remembering the history of the library board and that the commission does take it seriously. Cindy Redburn said it was a valid question; why was the librarian overlooked? Jared Boast asked if any of the applicants were incumbents, and the answer was no. Steve Black said he could contact the library administrator and bring the issue back to the meeting next week.

9:43 a.m.: Bill Lange wanted to thank the county for the work done on Cotton Dodd Road and also to include his appreciation to Chip Lange for making everyone aware that the first half of the ARPA funds could be made available to the county, and the other half could be made available to the county's road districts.

9:50 a.m.: Dave Smith entered to advise the commission regarding SB-190. After much discussion regarding the bill becoming law if the Governor doesn't act on it, Dave Smith recommended pausing any decision to await the state's response.

10:20 a.m.: Paul Satterfield entered the meeting.

10:23 a.m.: Pat Schwent said the person needing a tax redemption had not shown up. Dave Smith exited the meeting.

10:25 a.m.: Steve Black opened the meeting to old business. He asked for thoughts on the job description and gave the other commissioners his description in writing. Rob Cummings said in the research he had done, an administrative assistant was more necessary in first class counties. He said people in his district feel that there are already people in place to do the job and not to add another position. Jared Boast said Steve Black's job description was a good one; that the commission and the county clerk do a lot more than people realize. He added that he thought the commission should talk to the county clerk in this setting, before hiring someone. Jared Boast added that the commission was ultimately responsible for everything on the list and that the commission needed to talk with the clerk and discuss who should do what; to understand what the clerk's office does and what the commission should do. Jared Boast agreed an administrative assistant was a needed position, just who was going to do what before hiring. Steve Black said communication is where we were lacking and Jared Boast agreed. Jared Boast added that the county clerk was a big part of the commission meeting and he wanted to encourage his future participation before hiring someone. Steve Black asked for De Dee Hamilton's opinion and she reiterated that the county clerk's office handles a lot of the things for the commission that are on the job description. Sue Greenstreet asked whose job it was to post the agenda? Steve Black said in the research he had done, it was not the clerk's job to do the minutes or the agenda. Kim Cook asked who should be contacted regarding problems in their offices? Pat Schwent agreed with Jared Boast, saying it needed to be decided, who

does what. Cindy Redburn said from a citizens' point of view; when she has questions, all is referred to John Martin, she said there is a lack of communication. Jared Boast reminded everyone there that COVID had changed a lot of things, the priorities were different and there were many other challenges during the last few years. The commission was trying to keep normalcy and businesses going during that time. He added that before all this, building problems went before the presiding commissioner and the county clerk. Darin Layman said that the county can't grow without change and didn't disagree that the commission needed some assistance. Darin Layman went on to defend John Martin and all that he had been handling. He said an administrative assistant would help with all that. Steve Black agreed. Cindy Redburn reminded everyone that the agenda was to be posted 24 hours ahead of the meeting, that that was Sunshine Law and it didn't always happen. De Dee Hamilton asked how often that happened? Cindy Redburn said there were times it happened. Steve Black thought that with all the technology now, people can be better informed, but sometimes the ball gets dropped.

11:05 a.m.: Kelly Bushman entered the meeting.

The commission agreed to get John Martin back in the next meeting to coordinate responsibilities. Steve Black wanted to get John Martin's thoughts regarding the administrative assistant's job description.

11:10 a.m.: Pat Schwent introduced Ian Storie for a tax redemption. Jared Boast wanted to allow for the release of excess funds being held by the collector in the amount of \$1439.81 to Ian Storie at 96 Prairie Creek Lane. Pat Schwent, Ian Storie and Kelly Bushman exited the meeting with Kelly Bushman thanking the commission for the great work that had been done on Lindburg Road.

11:15 a.m.: Dave Smith returned.

Jared Boast wanted to make everyone aware that the Road District Commissioners would be getting together to review a contract with a tree trimming company, to be paid out of CI funds.

11:15 a.m.: Amy England exited the meeting.

Jared Boast made a motion to go into closed session to discuss real estate.

11:40 a.m.: Dave Smith exited the closed session meeting. Jared Boast made a motion to come out of closed session and enter into open session. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

11:45 a.m.: Steve Black asked about the Freeman building and putting out bids for four walls and electric. Steve Black asked if they needed bid specs and Jared Boast said yes. Rob Cummings said interior walls should be checked and insulation should be blown in. Steve Black asked Rob Cummings if he could write up the bid specs and Rob Cummings said yes. Rob Cummings said he would have the specs ready in a couple of weeks for advertising.

11:52 a.m.: The commission reviewed and signed bills.

Steve Black stated there was no new business.

12:00 p.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the May 23, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet May 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner