

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, Kellie Vestal, Franky Todd, Cindy Redburn, Mark Pfeiffer, Rick Haggett, Mary Cummings, Anna Lee Williams, Tena Slovensky, Carol Ann Lea, Jimmy West, Meredith Dennison and Kyle Hofstetter.

9:01 a.m.: The meeting opened with prayer from Rick Haggett.

Amy England and Kim Cook entered the meeting.

9:03 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for May 30, 2023, Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

No mail or other correspondence.

9:05 a.m.: Steve Black advised that he had gotten a phone call regarding a bid for tuckpointing the courthouse. He added that Corky Stack was putting out bid specs for the project.

Steve Black asked if there were updates from any elected officials. Kim Cook told those in attendance that the recorder's office has a new online search service available as of May 1st. She said you could sign up to be notified if someone is using your name or property information fraudulently. The service is under crawfordmo.icounty.com. Kim Cook added that there was no fee for notification but there were fees for other search levels.

9:10 a.m.: Cindy Redburn addressed the commission regarding the library board appointment. She read a prepared statement, see attached. In the statement Cindy Redburn mentioned other boards in her statement, and the commissioners' duties in taking an active role in deciding boards and their members that control large amounts of taxpayer money. Jared Boast said we were talking about the library board today, that he didn't know all the statutes, that they contradict each other. Jared Boast reminded those in attendance that all county boards had been sent information last year regarding how the commission wanted the boards to handle open appointments and the library board had followed their instruction.

Library board member Jimmy West read a statement addressing the appointment of Linda Todd to the Library Board. See attached.

Discussion was held regarding whether the commission had conducted interviews with the applicants. Carol Ann Lea said no, they took the information from the applications. Steve Black asked if interviews should have happened? Anna Lee Williams said in the instructions from the commission, no discussion regarding interviewing was required. Cindy Redburn said last year there were no interviews, the commission just accepted the board's recommendation.

Steve Black advised that he had talked to Anna Lee Williams regarding the board's choice for the appointment and had also called the State Librarian. Steve Black added that the general consensus from others in the public was that it was odd that the librarian who applied for the library board position was not the one chosen to serve on the library board.

9:25 a.m.: Steve Black made a motion to reject the library board's recommendation and appoint Cathy Boero, the librarian, to the library board. Steve Black asked for a second to his motion; there was none.

Steve Black asked how to proceed? Jared Boast stated that he wanted to support the group that wanted to better the board that is in place, and what they had accomplished. He added that the sitting board had followed procedures to bring in replacements and thought the commission should follow the library board's recommendation of appointing Linda Todd. Rob Cummings agreed with Jared Boast, Rob Cummings said he had no knowledge of a library and how they work, that the present board had given the commission the information they needed. Steve Black wanted the library board to know that he by no means was downplaying what the present board had done. Mark Pfeiffer said that he had applied for the library board last year and had not gotten an interview for the appointment, but as a taxpayer, he thought applicants should be interviewed. Discussion was held regarding hiring someone for a job based just on experience. More discussion was held regarding hiring someone based on experience, as well as how well the person fits with your team.

9:40 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to uphold the library board's wishes and appoint Linda Todd to the library board. Rob Cummings provided a second. Steve Black was opposed; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote was held as follows:

Steve Black – Nay

Rob Cummings – Yea

Jared Boast – Yea

Library board members Anna Lee Williams, Tena Slovensky, Carol Ann Lea, Jimmy West, Meredith Dennison and Kyle Hofstetter exited the meeting.

Rob Cummings showed Steve Black specs for the Freeman Building remodel. Specs will go in the paper next week for bids. Steve Black added that the Freeman Building would be included for discussion under old business next week and asked if there was anything else to discuss. Karen Sikes asked if the commission had signed the amended order for the disbursement of ARPA funds. The commission signed the amended order.

9:58 a.m.: De Dee Hamilton advised those present that there would be a special election held on August 8. Kellie Vestal added that the BOE meeting was on Monday, July 17th. Jared Boast made a motion to cancel the commission meeting for Tuesday, July 18th and combine the

commission meeting with the BOE meeting on Monday, July 17th. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to cancel the commission meeting on Tuesday, August 8th, due to the special election on that date. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:00 a.m.: Karen Sikes said she was putting out bids for the bank depository that was due on June 30.

Steve Black inquired about discussing the administrative assistant position this week. Neither Jared Boast nor Rob Cummings had asked County Clerk John Martin to attend the meeting; Steve Black had not. Steve Black said they would have him come in next week, June 6th. Jared Boast said he would ask the Clerk to come in next week.

10:05 a.m.: The commission reviewed and signed bills.

10:10 a.m.: Steve Black asked if there was anything else to discuss. There was none.

10:12 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the May 30, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet June 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner