

Crawford County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023

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; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees of the meeting included:

County Officers: Karen Sikes, Kellie Vesta, Pat Schwent, Kim Cook, Darin Layman, Franky Todd, and Danny Brown,

Citizens: Cindy Redburn, Jim Harmon, Mark Pfeiffer, Pat Kirsiece, Paul Satterfield, Amy England, Ryan Storz, and Don Martin. Tim Mullin, Amanda Davis, and Jill Wagner from People's Bank joined the meeting for the opening of the Bank Bids.

Meeting Called to Order by Com. Black – 9:00 AM

Prayer – Rev. Don Martin, Cuba, MO

Pledge – Karen Sikes

Review, Discussion, and Approval of the Agenda

Com. Cummings made a motion to approve the agenda. Com. Boast seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Review, Discussion, and Approval of Minutes

Com. Boast made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes as presented, Com. Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Review, Discussion, and Approval of Mail and Documents

Com. Black read a letter from the Scenic Regional Library District requesting approval of Martha Lindsey to the Library Board.

Discussion followed: Com. Boast informed the commissioners that a small portion of Crawford County is part of the Scenic Regional Library District and we do collect a small amount of taxes for that area. Com. Black will contact the Scenic Regional Library District to inform them of our county's policy for board appointments.

A letter was received from the Missouri Association of Counties to inform the county of an investment opportunity available. Karen Sikes will do further research on the matter.

Com. Black reported that two applications were received for the position of Emergency Management Director. Com Black was contacted by a friend, who is the Division Response Manage of SEMA, who offered to review and advise with the filling of that position.

Com. Boast and Cummings agreed to that plan with a provision that the Coroner be consulted, too.

County Office Reports

Kelli Vestal asked if the original documents were located for the changes in the boundaries of certain road districts in the county. Com. Boast did locate them and it will be recorded today.

Com. Black had further communication with Cecelia Campbell concerning the landfill. Discussion followed on the capping of three wells that must occur before the property can be sold.

Com. Black asked the two associate commissioners to share their opinions and thoughts on the assistant to the commission position. Com. Black still feels that there is a communication issue that will affect the operation of the county business if not resolved. Com. Cummings is not in favor. Com. Boast still wants further exploration/research on which position would best serve the county: County Administrator vs Commission Assistant.

Several County Officers affirmed and expressed their concerns about the communication problem.

Budgetary concerns were mentioned and salary increases for current employees were also mentioned. The discussion was postponed and will continue under Old Business going forward.

Citizen Participation

Jim Harmon brought in paperwork from the previous commissioner concerning the agreement of the Fishing Springs access point. The Commission is waiting for an opinion from the county's attorney. It was reported to Mr. Harmon that his road is first on the list of road work that will begin by July 10th.

Opening of the Bank Bids

Four banks submitted bids: Maries County Bank, First Community National Bank, Sullivan Bank, and Peoples Bank. Com. Black read each bank's proposal for the Commissioners to consider.

After discussion, Com. Boast made a motion that the Peoples Bank Proposal for Depository Contract County of Crawford County, June 26, 2023, with Option 1 for a four-year term is accepted. Com. Cummings seconded the motion. Com. Boast and Com. Cummings voted in favor and Com. Black abstained. Motion passed.

Karen Sikes will mail out letters to all the banks that submitted proposals, advising them of the Commissioner's decision.

Old Business

Com. Cummings brought up the closing of the County offices on Monday, July 3, 2023. Com. Cummings made a motion to close all county offices on July 3, 2023, with pay for all employees. Com. Boast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Pat Schwent suggested that a committee be formed to work on a new salary schedule with the County Clerk. Her idea will be taken into consideration.

Review and Paying of Bills

Adjournment

Com. Cummings made a motion to adjourn. Com. Boast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed

The Commission adjourned to meet on July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner

Minutes submitted by Cindy Redburn