

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 Darin Layman, Danny Brown, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Kim Cook, Cindy Redburn, Mary Cummings, Steve Besemer. Brett Hendrix, Bob Coleman and Amy England.

9:01 a.m.: The meeting opened with prayer from Bob Coleman.

9:04 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for July 11, 2023, Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Mail and other correspondence; the budget for Friends Helping Friends was submitted.

Franky Todd entered the meeting.

9:05 a.m.: Steve Black introduced Steve Besemer from SEMA, and Steve Besemer introduced his colleague, Brett Hendrix. Both gentlemen wanted the commission to know they were there to support the county in any way they could. Both exited the meeting.

Jeff Banderet and Christa Schwartz from Great Rivers Engineering entered the meeting.

Steve Black asked for updates from the county officials. Kellie Vestal had the assessor's reports from June for the commission to sign.

Franky Todd inquired about a designated meeting place for all county employees and elected officials in case of fire or other emergency, and the courthouse had to be evacuated. It was agreed that the designated spot should be the parking lot across the street from the courthouse. Jared Boast made a motion to designate Emergency Rally Point #1 at the courthouse ancillary parking lot to be the meeting place. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:20 a.m.: Steve Black addressed the need for back-up signatures on bank documents regarding the Raymond James investment account and that the County Clerk was the only one on the account. Steve Black made a motion to add the Treasurer. Rob Cummings said the presiding commissioner should be on the account. Steve Black agreed and said the Treasurer should be also. No one was aware that the previous presiding commission had not been on the account. Jared Boast's concern was the convolution of the money. Karen Sikes said the county clerk was only bonded for \$5,000 and asked if he should be the one on the account vs what she was bonded for? Discussion was held as to what could be done with those funds and how many signatures were required for other transactions that involve county funds. Jared Boast made a motion for the Raymond James account to have two signatures in order to conduct business. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Jared Boast made a motion

regarding Crawford County investments. There must be authorization by the commission prior to any transactions of the investment funds. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast said that wire transfers should be reported to the commission because only one signature was required to transfer by wire, or add a secondary signature. Karen Sikes said no wire transfers are done. It should be reported every month that there were none.

Discussion was held regarding SB190. Kellie Vestal said the commission has to decide to allow the bill in Crawford County, or the voters decide. Steve Black said the voters should decide. It was agreed to research more.

Steve Black advised that he wanted a committee formed of elected officials to discuss salaries and the option of having LAGERS. He said a spokesman for the committee could tell the commission what their determination was. Steve Black made a motion to form an employee salary committee, represented by the elected officials to review the salaries of the county employees. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:58 a.m.: Citizens participation; Cindy Redburn inquired about the Board of Equalization meeting next week.

10:00 a.m.: Jeff Banderet with Great Rivers Engineering introduced Christa Schwartz and gave an update on bridgework that will be done next year. Benton Creek Bridge will be similar to Thurman Lake Bridge at a construction cost of \$373,000, with a BRO fund match. The county's portion would be \$47,000, with some in-kind contribution.

Little Shoal Creek Bridge will be similar to Blunt Bridge, with a construction cost of \$278,000, and a match of \$35,368, also to include some in-kind work.

GRE had not received a notice to proceed from MoDot on Bass Bridge. Jeff Banderet advised that work on Willhite Bridge was starting August 14. Jeff Banderet and Christa Schwartz exited the meeting.

Steve Black addressed the appointment pending for the Scenic Regional Library Board. Discussion was held regarding the board being advised of and following the guidelines for appointment previously set by the commission. It was agreed that the guidelines would be sent to the Board, so moving forward the Board would follow the direction all other boards in the county follow. Jared Boast made a motion to re-appoint Martha Lindsley to the Scenic Regional Library Board for a four-year term. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Rob Cummings made a motion to request the full Secure Rural Schools Funding payment from the Forest Service. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

No bids were received for the Freeman Building remodel. It was agreed to revisit the project September 12.

10:30 a.m.: Steve Black addressed the subject of an administrative assistant to the commission. Steve Black advised that the Prosecuting Attorney had told him that the commission has the ability to modify the budget as long as the funds are there and no hardship is created. It was agreed to leave the subject for old business.

The commission reviewed and signed bills.

It was noted that the BOE meeting next week will be in the County Clerk's office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 17.

11:00 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the July 11, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet July 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner