

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 Gary Mace, Charles Cunningham, Ron Vancil, Kevin Ribrova and Patches, Danny Brown, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Pat Schwent, Mark Pfeiffer, Darin Layman, and Cindy Redburn.

9:00 a.m.: Gary Mace opened the meeting with prayer.

9:00 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for September 12, 2023, Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Amy England entered the meeting.

Steve Black said applications from those interested in serving on the Opioid Board was the only mail received. A review of those applications will be in the meeting next week.

Steve Black asked for updates from county officials. Karen Sikes gave the Treasurer's report.

9:10 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer and Ryan Storz entered the meeting.

Cindy Redburn commented on the negative balance that Road 2 was showing from the Treasurer's report and how that would be covered. Jared Boast stated that two bridges were washed away in August, that the money was unbudgeted for those repairs, but necessary for emergency reasons. Sales tax next month should cover the shortfall.

9:15 a.m.: Pat Schwent approached the commission regarding the need to refund a payment to a person who had bought property at the tax sale. Jared Boast made a motion to refund tax sale surplus in the amount of \$345.50 for reimbursement. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:25 a.m.: Discussion was held regarding damage from another lightning strike last week. It was agreed that an electrician would be called to check on the interior wiring. Steve Black said the city of Steelville was supposed to get back with him this week regarding what they were checking.

9:35 a.m.: Under citizen participation: Charles Cunningham asked if any mowing was scheduled for Dunham Road. Jared Boast stated it had been mowed in the spring, prior to being chip and sealed. Jared Boast said there was no one to operate the brush cutters, they had two people newly hired and one of the two did not start work yesterday, as planned. Jared Boast said they will try to get it done this winter.

9:40 a.m.: Kevin Ribrova addressed the commission. He has had an ongoing problem with his neighbors' six dogs running wild and tearing up the trash he puts out for pick up. Last Monday,

his dog, Patches was attacked by the dogs. Kevin Ribrova called the sheriff's department to find out that no one can do anything about it. Discussion was held regarding ordinances that need to be written, and a county court being established to enforce the ordinance. There was much empathy for Kevin Ribrova and Darin Layman said he would personally try to get an ordinance written and a county court started. Discussion was held regarding a citizen protecting themselves if they thought their life was in danger and the need to protect their family and property.

9:55 a.m.: Ron Vancil was on the agenda. He asked if daily records were kept on work that was done on the roads. Rob Cummings responded there was, daily. Jared Boast agreed his crew did the same. Ron Vancil lives in Road District 2 on North Elliston Road. He wanted pictures of the work that had been done. He added he had blocked a grader with his truck and the police had shown up, he wanted a record of the report so he could explain what happened. Jared Boast said he understood that Ron Vancil had gotten the budget explained to him by the county clerk and that Ron Vancil had mentioned bringing a class action lawsuit against the county. John Martin had then terminated the meeting with Ron Vancil. Jared Boast asked if Ron Vancil had said that. Ron Vancil continued on and said the road condition was causing a loss of property value. Jared Boast asked again, did you mention potential litigation? Ron Vancil said he just asked if he needed to get a lawyer. Jared Boast reminded Ron Vancil that in their last conversation Ron Vancil had mentioned a class action lawsuit. Ron Vancil said he did not say class action. Jared Boast asked if he said lawsuit? Ron Vancil continued to talk about the road condition and wanted the pictures that had been taken. Jared Boast said he had no further comment because of the threat of legal action. He added that he has rock and labor tickets showing what work was done, that the road had been fixed, but not to Ron Vancil's specifications. Ron Vancil wanted the time and materials sheets, Jared Boast gave a copy to him, and to the other commissioners. The work had been done on North Elliston on August 23, 2023. Ron Vancil wanted the other two commissioners to come see the road to see if it's fixed. Rob Cummings said he was not going. Steve Black said he would come take a look and added that he couldn't discuss it with Jared Boast because of Sunshine Law restrictions, but they would discuss it in the commission meeting next week. Ron Vancil exited the meeting.

There was no old or new business.

10:10 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RsMo. 610.021.3 to discuss personnel.

10:45 a.m.: The commission was back in open session with De Dee Hamilton and Tracey Stover also in attendance. Jared Boast made a motion for the county to pay for flu shots for all full and part-time employees. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:50 a.m.: De Dee Hamilton asked if anything had changed after the employee salary committee meeting last week. It was agreed that the commissioners had made a motion that all county employees paid from General Revenue were to receive a \$2 per hour raise and that was what was supposed happen. They added that if a county official wanted to fix an issue in their office, that was up to the office holder.

The commission reviewed and signed bills.

11:30 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the September 12, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner