

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 Jerry Beers, Charles Cunningham, Kellie Vestal, Pat Snodgrass, Fannie Lea, Mark Pfeiffer, Darin Layman, Cindy Redburn, Sue Greenstreet, Michael Lovell, John Glaser, Jane and Lance Jackson, and Jax Jensen.

9:00 a.m.: Jerry Beers opened the meeting with prayer. Jerry Beers exited the meeting.

9:00 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for September 19, 2023, Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the open and closed Commission Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2023; Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Amy England entered the meeting.

Steve Black asked for updates from county officials. There were none.

Steve Black stated that Jason Evans with the City of Steelville was meeting with the commission after the meeting today to discuss the ongoing issue with the electrical problems the county offices have been experiencing.

Pat Schwent entered the meeting.

Steve Black asked for citizen participation. There was none.

9:14 a.m.: Pat Schwent addressed the commission regarding a tax redemption for property on Eaton Road. Rob Cummings made a motion to release surplus funds in the amount of \$23,637.96 to the estate of Susan Eaton. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Fannie Lea addressed the commission and advised that the Soil and Water Conservation District was in the process of moving back to Crawford County. The District was hoping to co-locate with the Extension in Steelville. Pat Snodgrass was advocating for the Extension to stay in Steelville, with the District sharing costs because it would be much less expensive than moving to the Tutterrow building in Cuba. Pat Snodgrass added that they had looked at two different buildings in Steelville for consideration. Steve Black stated that the Extension had voted 11-1 to move to Cuba. He added that utilities for the building in Cuba would be between \$250-\$450 per month. Steve Black also said he thought the majority of citizens want the Extension to stay in Steelville, but the board wants to move to Cuba. Jared Boast asked if Fannie Lea or Pat Snodgrass had discussed the Conservation District proposal with the Extension. Both answered they had not. Pat Snodgrass added that the southern side of the county was not at the meeting to vote on whether to move to Cuba or not. There are 16 people on the Extension Council. Jared Boast said the commission had tried to remain neutral and that there needed to be more discussion with the extension regarding co-locating with the Water District. Rob Cummings agreed. Steve Black agreed to contact Linda Bast with the Extension to

discuss the situation. Jared Boast asked Pat Snodgrass what the rent was for the two locations they were considering for relocation. Pat Snodgrass said the main building at Steelville Telephone would be \$750 each from the Extension and the Water District; and the Steelville Telephone building where the Assessor and Collector had been temporarily housed was \$950 each. Amy England asked Pat Snodgrass if she was on the Water District Board and Pat Snodgrass said she was not, that she was here as an advocate for the Extension employees. Amy England asked if Pat Snodgrass was on the board for Steelville Telephone and Pat Snodgrass said that she was.

Pat Snodgrass, Fannie Lea, and John Glaser exited the meeting.

10:05 a.m.: Under old business: Steve Black said the commission had received four applications from citizens interested in serving on the Opioid Disbursement Fund Board. After the commission reviewed the applications, Steve Black made the following recommendations for the board: For a three-year term: Mike Lovell and Dennis Roedemeier; for a two-year term: Denise Mueller and William Harlan; and for a one-year term Jax Jensen. Jax Jensen had not submitted an application, but volunteered to serve on the board. A letter will be sent to each of the board members advising them of the appointment.

Steve Black said the Crawford County Health Department needed to follow the same handbook as all other General Revenue employees. Steve Black made a motion for the Health Department to now follow the county handbook that was adopted in August of 2021. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:20 a.m.: The commission reviewed invoices and paid bills.

Jane Jackson wanted to address the commission but missed the opportunity during citizen participation. She approached the commission and gave Jared Boast pictures of Rock Road. Jane Jackson said the road had been great until about three years ago. Jared Boast agreed and said that was about the time COVID and the labor shortage they have now started. Discussion was held regarding attempts to help the situation such as putting out bids for contracting work on the roads and that bids were put out and no bids were received. Jared Boast said the month of August was spent fixing roads and bridges that were damaged from a storm the first of August to get those roads and bridges ready for school to start. Jared Boast voiced his frustration with the situation and said they do what they can and they want to do better.

11:00 a.m.: Jane and Lance Jackson exited the meeting.

11:20 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the September 19, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet September 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner