

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 Kellie Vestal, Danny Brown, Bob Coleman, Charles Cunningham, AnnaLee Williams, Gretchen Tharp, Karen Sikes and Mike Pendleton.

9:00 a.m.: Bob Coleman opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:05 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for October 31, 2023, Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jimmy West entered the meeting.

Steve Black said the annual report for the Scenic Library had been received.

There were no reports from the county officials.

Under citizen participation: AnnaLee Williams, Gretchan Tharp and Jimmy West were present to ask the commission to adopt the Freedom to Read Month Proclamation for November for Crawford County. Jared Boast read the proclamation and made a motion to adopt same. Rob Cummings provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Amy England entered the meeting. AnnaLee Williams, Gretchan Tharp and Jimmy West exited the meeting.

9:10 a.m.: Jeff Banderet from Great Rivers Engineering entered the meeting.

Danny Brown said that Road District #1 had done more asphaltting; 1.6 miles of Woolsey Road for \$145,217; 9/10 of North Birds Nest Road for \$85,063.88 and Clinton Hill for \$37,433.97. This was all done using ARPA funds.

Steve Black advised that he had received information that Missouri S&T offers courses for road work training. Jared Boast said he was not aware such classes were available outside of getting a degree. Jeff Banderet gave more detail as to what was available. The commissioners were interested in finding out more information.

9:15 a.m.: Jeff Banderet addressed the commission regarding a supplemental agreement to cover a survey at cost of \$5467.48 for Benton Creek to check for artifacts at the site for the bridge. Rob Cummings agreed that Road District 1 has the funds. Jared Boast made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement at the above cost. This will keep the project on time. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:20 a.m.: Darren Dake entered the meeting.

Jeff Branderet presented an agreement for High Point Bridge for signature. GRE will provide all assistance to the project up to the bidding process at an hourly rate not to exceed \$87,486.05
Jeff Banderet exited the meeting.

9:35 a.m.: Steve Black inquired as to whether to advertise for real estate companies to place offers to sell the garage building on Franklin Street in Cuba, since no bids had been received for the building. Darren Dake advised that someone was interested in the building. Steve Black agreed to contact the interested party before advertising the building to real estate companies for bid. Discussion will continue next week.

There was no new business. The commission reviewed bills and signed checks.

9:45 a.m.: John Martin entered the meeting and gave information regarding the CERF agreement with the county. Jared Boast made a motion to stay with the 4% contribution being made by the county for the employees for the year 2024. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. John Martin exited the meeting.

9:55 a.m.: Jared Boast stated that he was going to share an email he had received from a representative for the Extension Council with Steve Black and Rob Cummings. The email was advising where the Extension was in regard to a potential move to the STE building in Steelville.

Kellie Vestal and Charles Cunningham exited the meeting.

The courthouse will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Friday, November 10.

John Martin has sent out blank budget documents to county officials, and it was noted that December 15 is the final day to submit bills for payment in 2023.

10:05 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the October 31, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet November 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner