

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, Karen Sikes, Adam Carnal, Cindy Redburn, Mark Pfeiffer, Charles Cunningham, Sue Greenstreet, Randy and Betty Chandler, Jax Jensen and Tommy Miller.

9:00 a.m.: Tommy Miller opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:05 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the agenda for the November 14, 2023, meeting. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Steve Black stated that a budget request was received from the Public Defenders office, it was passed on to the Clerk's office. Steve Black also said that he would pass on correspondence that he had received regarding SB190, to Brooks Kenagy.

Karen Sikes provided county fund balances.

Amy England entered the meeting.

Steve Black reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the flood plain issues in the city of Steelville. The hope is for two basins to be built that would remove downtown Steelville from the flood plain.

Steve Black inquired as to whether there had been any more electrical surges causing problems in county offices. It seemed as though the city has fixed the problem. Steve Black acknowledged Rob Cummings and the information he had provided to the city as part of what led to the issue being resolved.

Steve Black advised that the person who had expressed interest in the Franklin Street building in Cuba, would not be purchasing it. It was agreed that a notice will be published for three weeks in the local papers for bids to real estate companies for their lowest commission rate.

Cindy Redburn addressed the commission regarding the Freedom to Read Month proclamation that had been adopted for the month of November. Cindy Redburn felt that Resolution 59 of the UN General Assembly should not be the authorization for freedom of expression in the United States. Cindy Redburn did not think this was an intentional act by the commission, but wanted to suggest that our nation's documents should be the authorization for free expression. It was agreed that the proclamation would stand this year and be reworded next year.

9:20 a.m.: Christopher Jeffrey entered the meeting.

9:25 a.m.: Robert Schaffer entered the meeting.

Charles Cunningham asked Jared Boast how many people were employed with Road District 2. Jared Boast advised that there were eight full-time and one part-time employee and that most were cross trained to operate equipment.

Christopher Jeffrey addressed the commission to voice appreciation for the \$300,000 of ARPA funds the county had awarded to Missouri Baptist Hospital in Sullivan. The funds were being used for mental health and detox programs and assistance in lessening the use of the ER for non-emergency issues.

9:35 a.m.: Bonnie Prigge and Ann Frend from MRPC, and Preston Kramer from MoDot entered the meeting to discuss transportation needs for the county. Steve Black wanted safety issues to be top priority. Rob Cummings and Jared Boast agreed. It was decided that C107, the intersection of Lindberg Road and Highway 19 stay as first priority; followed by C122, the intersection of Glassey Road and Heyer Road be second. Then, C109, the junction at route FF be third and C127, the bridge over Cherry Valley Branch be fourth. The TAC meeting to vote on these projects is on December 14 at 3:30 p.m. Bonnie Prigge, Ann Frend and Preston Kramer exited the meeting.

10:20 a.m.: John Martin asked for a closed session to discuss a legal issue. Jared Boast made a motion to amend the agenda to include closed session pursuant to 610.021. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:35 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a legal issue. Rob Cummings provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

10:45 a.m.: The full Commission, John Martin, Danny Brown and De Dee Hamilton were in attendance, as well as a representative from Blaine Luktenmeyer's office.

It was noted that a claim needed to be filed on the Treasurer's bond to reimburse the county for \$1500-\$1600 that was overpaid to an employee, and uncollectable. Tabled until next week.

Mike Pendleton addressed the commission regarding the Road Rally. He said he used to really enjoy the rally until there was an issue with a woman who needed to go to the doctor and the road was blocked. Mike Pendleton was a deputy at the time and had to disarm a person with a loaded gun who was upset because the woman could not get out to go to the doctor. Mike Pendleton wanted the present commission to know of this situation. He wanted to provide his support in opposition of the rally to the commission if representatives from the rally met with the commission again. Mike Pendleton also voiced his disappointment that two years ago, he had collected a lot of signatures on a petition in opposition to the rally and former presiding commissioner Leo Sanders never presented it to the rally representatives. Steve Black wanted a copy of the petition, Danny Brown said he had one. Mike Pendleton exited the meeting.

11:15 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the November 14, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet November 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner