

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, Charles Cunningham, Sue Greenstreet, Darin Layman, Brad England, Mike Zuzack, Brad England, Linda and Walter Kitchen and Angel Monda.

9:00 a.m.: Angel Monda opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:00 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 21, 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 14, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:05 a.m.: Pat Schwent and a taxpayer entered the meeting. Amy England entered the meeting.

Steve Black said that he had spoken with Jack Garvey regarding the Opioid Settlement the county is receiving. The first three years of the settlement have been paid, with another 13 years of payments coming. The total amount the county would receive from this settlement is \$778,834. Other settlements are coming that are at least equal to that amount. Steve Black added that Wal-Mart will pay out sooner, they do not want to drag out the settlement disbursement.

Jared Boast read a letter of appreciation for work that was done on Mound Ridge Road.

There was no citizen participation.

Pat Schwent approached the commission regarding a redemption for property on Klein Cut-off Road. Rob Cummings made a motion to allow the release of surplus funds in the amount of \$17,400.69 for the property mentioned. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:10 a.m.: Linda Bast entered the meeting. Pat Schwent and the taxpayer exited the meeting.

Brad England addressed the commission to give them an update on money that had be allotted by the county to the 911 system, through the CARES Act. Brad England wanted the commissioners to know that the money had been well spent on new equipment and to voice his appreciation.

9:12 a.m.: Jax Jensen entered the meeting. Brad England exited the meeting.

9:15 a.m.: Linda Bast and Mike Zuzack were at the meeting representing the Extension Council. Linda Bast gave the commission a generic sketch for a remodel for where ever the Extension may relocate.

9:17 a.m.: Kim Gibbs entered the meeting.

Steve Black said while STE is willing to work with the extension, they do not want a full kitchen in their building. Discussion was held regarding what the county was mandated to provide for the county by statute. There was concern about what happens when the five-year lease is up with STE and the option of owning the building versus leasing. Jared Boast thought STE needed to advise what they would accept as far as a remodel and that the five-year lease should have a sealing to prevent the lease from being increased too much upon renewal. Steve Black said he would take the sketch to the STE reps and let the extension know what their decision was.

Other discussion was held regarding Soil and Water being in the same building as the extension and that Soil and Water had initially said they would split the rent 50/50 with the extension and only needed a small amount of space. Now, Soil and Water wants half of the space, if they are paying half the rent.

It was made clear that the extension was not against moving to the STE building, there was just concern about how soon they might have to move again and if the majority of what they needed in the space could be in a remodel.

10:00 a.m.: Under old business: Jared Boast asked Karen Sikes for an update from the PA's office on the payroll funding mishap that had happened last year. Karen Sikes did not have an update and was not sure of the amount that had not been repaid. Karen Sikes said she would ask the PA about it.

Danny Brown advised that a letter of intent had been submitted from Nature Conservative for funding that was available through Fish and Wildlife.

Steve Black stated that he had received a call from a resident on Birds Nest Road who was very pleased with the work that had been done on the road.

10:35 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the November 21, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner