

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, Jax Jensen, Darin Layman, Charles Cunningham, Cindy Redburn and Brian Gallant.

9:00 a.m.: Brian Gallant opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:05 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for December 5, 2023. Jared Boast provided a second. Rob Cummings rescinded the motion and made a motion to allow an amendment to the Agenda to include the addition of a tax redemption. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2023; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Amy England entered the meeting.

County Officials: Karen Sikes said the PA had advised that small claims court should collect the wages that were incorrectly paid to a former employee and have been uncollectible.

Kellie Vestal presented November supplementals for signatures.

9:12 a.m.: Steve Black stated that he was attending a meeting with STE this afternoon to further discuss the proposed room for the Extension and the Soil and Water District. Steve Black will give an update next week.

Steve Black addressed the decision that was made last week on the coroners building remodel. Steve Black read the February 14, 2023, commission meeting minutes of the regular meeting, and the executive - closed meeting minutes from the same date.

9:20 a.m.: Pat Schwent and Mark Wenner entered the meeting.

Steve Black wanted to clarify what happened; that a certain amount was agreed upon and the amount was exceeded. Cindy Redburn had questions and much discussion was held regarding what had finally been decided, and why. Amy England added that many meetings and discussions had led to the final decision and that not everyone was present for all of them. Jax Jensen asked why the meetings weren't recorded. Jared Boast said he would refer to legal counsel and their opinion regarding recording meetings.

9:55 a.m.: Pat Schwent and Mark Wenner approached the commission. Mark Wenner was representing a taxpayer who owned property on Hwy 19. Rob Cummings made a motion to redeem said property for \$15,710.58. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Pat Schwent and Mark Wenner exited the meeting.

More discussion was held regarding the decision made about the coroners remodel and all the discussion that had been held in the past regarding the coroners building.

10:15 a.m.: Discussion was held as to what was an allowable expense for an elected official.

Steve Black said that the county employee Christmas dinner is December 21 and asked that he receive an email from office holders giving the number of employees in their offices attending. The three commissioners will be providing the meat for the meal.

10:20 a.m.: Pat Schwent advised that county entities will lose over \$695,000 in taxes this year because Burlington-Northern Railroad had remeasured operating lines. Pat Schwent said once she receives payment, she will let the commission know how each entity is affected.

10:43 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the December 5, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet December 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner