

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, Darren Dake, Linda Bast, a representative from the Missouri Extension Council, Tammy Zuzack, Billy Miller, Chuck Ray, Gary Mace, Jeff Banderet, Randy Chandler, Billy Miller, and an observer.

9:00 a.m.: Gary Mace opened the meeting with prayer.

Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023; Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the Agenda for December 12, 2023. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Steve Black read the lease agreement for the public defender's office. Crawford County's share of the lease will increase from \$428.35 to \$492.66 per month. Amy England entered the meeting. Steve Black made a motion to accept the new lease agreement. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Pat Schwent and a taxpayer entered the meeting. Kim Gibbs entered the meeting.

Karen Sikes gave county fund totals and stated that sales tax was down 1% from November 2022.

Under citizens' participation: Billy Miller from Maries County Bank presented the commission with a lease agreement for five Durangos for the sheriff's department. Darin Layman advised that the lease is paid from the Jail Fund. The commission signed the agreement.

Sue Greenstreet entered the meeting.

9:16 a.m.: Randy Chandler addressed the commission stating he was at the meeting on behalf of some residents who are unhappy with the condition of Jakes Prairie, Riverside and Sappington Bridge Roads, which are in Road District 2. It was noted that Randy Chandler had worked for Jared Boast on Road District 2. Jared Boast said he would reach out to those residents and defended all the work that had been done. Randy Chandler exited the meeting.

9:25 a.m.: Chuck Ray asked the commission to remove Matt Perrigoy from the EEZ Board and appoint Cole Byassee to the board. Steve Black made the motion. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:26 a.m.: Jeff Banderet from Great Rivers Engineering gave an update on projects within the county. The bridge on Butts Road is a FLAP project and will be approximately \$670,000. This cost is 100% reimbursable. The Benton Creek Bridge is a BRO project and the county will be responsible for around \$62,000 of the \$489,345 cost of the bridge. Shoal Creek Bridge will cost

around \$330,000, with the county contribution being around \$42,000. The commission signed Flood Plain Development Permits for all three bridges. Jeff Banderet exited the meeting.

Pat Schwent approached the commission. Jared Boast made a motion for the property owner at 177 Cedar Crest Lane in Cuba to receive surplus funds in the amount of \$4685.20. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Steve Black advised that no bids had been received from real estate companies to sell the building on Franklin Street in Cuba. It was agreed to publish the notice for another three weeks and open bids again on January 16, 2024.

Annual materials bids were opened. Bids were received from West Contracting, St James Oil Company, K&D Crushing, Halbert Construction, Metal Culverts, Capital Aggregates and Capital Materials. Jared Boast made a motion to accept all annual material bids. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:02 a.m.: John Martin entered the meeting with an agreement from ESPY. This is a company that audits phone bills to determine if there can be any money saved for an entity. ESPY is paid as part of a percentage of what is saved. The commission signed the agreement to allow the audit.

Corky Stack approached the commission with a pay request for the tuckpointing that was done on the courthouse. This is a partial payment; the final payment will be made when the project is finalized. The commission signed the contract for the coroners project remodel. Corky Stack exited the meeting.

10:15 a.m.: Brooks Kenagy and Pat Schwent entered the meeting. Discussion was held regarding SB-190. The commission agreed to review the information that was provided and discuss it at the December 19, 2023 meeting.

Steve Black received mail that included a bid from Wallis Oil. Jared Boast made a motion to accept the bid. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Steve Black addressed those in attendance to provide information he had received at the meeting he had with STE last week. Kevin Ancell and another rep from STE were in attendance also. Steve Black had sent a copy of the lease between the county and STE to the PA, who had no issues with it. The lease was for space for the Crawford County Extension offices and the Soil and Water District. The Extension office will pay \$700 per month, and Soil and Water will pay \$300 per month, with separate leases. If Soil and Water would want to move out of the building, the Extension would have first choice of the space vacated. The space will be ready for occupancy by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. There will be a 10% (2% per year) increase in the lease at the beginning of the sixth year of the lease, and the hope is to sign another five-year lease at that time. Steve Black made a motion to enter into the agreement with STE to lease the space for the Extension offices. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Chuck Ray, Kevin Ancell and the STE rep, and Gary Mace exited the meeting.

Rob Cummings made a motion to close the county offices on January 2, 2024, for a paid holiday for county employees. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried. The collector and assessors offices will be open Tuesday, December 26, 2023, so their offices will be closed Tuesday, January 2 and Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Jared Boast advised that the Road and Bridge Commissioners would be at a budget meeting for their districts this afternoon, as well as at a TAC meeting at MRPC on December 14.

Jax Jensen advised that the Opioid Fund Disbursement Board was meeting today at 12:30 p.m.

Jared Boast reminded everyone that the final day for bills to be submitted for payment is December 15.

11:25 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the December 12, 2023, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet December 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner