

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, Mark Pfeiffer, Charles Cunningham, Jax Jensen, Amy England, Judy Aldrich, Kathy Berti, Darin Layman and Darren Dake.

Sheriff Darin Layman opened the meeting with a prayer.

9:05 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the agenda for the January 16, 2024, meeting. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Commission Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024; Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

No reports from county officials.

Steve Black said that four more bids were received from real estate companies interested in selling the garage on Franklin Street. Steve Black had the ad that had run in the paper and it was published for the bid opening to be today, January 16, 2024. De Dee Hamilton had reviewed minutes from December 12, 2023, and confirmed the published date was correct. It was agreed to contact legal counsel and see what should happen next.

Steve Black advised that he had spoken with Tim Pratt, with the Senior Citizens' Board, to clarify how appointments to the board should be handled. Tim Pratt agreed to publish that there were appointments open for the board and the commission would make the appointments after the publish date. The information will run in the paper for two weeks and the appointments will be made on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Under citizen participation: Jax Jensen had more questions about how policies were or weren't written down. There was no other citizen participation.

9:20 a.m.: Judy Aldrich was on the agenda and had questions about the condition of the courthouse and the purchase of the Tutterrow building and the garage on Franklin Street. She also had questions about the coroner hiring a medical examiner. Darren Dake advised the position was for a medical death investigator and that it was a position that had recently been vacated. Judy Aldrich had inquired as to why the county didn't use local vendors for equipment tires and she was advised that the county uses companies that honor pricing under the state bid. Judy Aldrich gave each commissioner something she had printed from FaceBook and exited the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Kathy Berti was next on the agenda and had questions regarding the proposed closure of a portion of Thickety Ford Road. Jared Boast advised that there was proper legal procedure to follow and he had not heard anything recently about anyone taking legal action to close that portion of the road. Dave Smith entered the meeting. Kathy Berti asked if anything had been

posted about the closure and Jared Boast said there was hearsay but the commission had not be notified.

Steve Black advised there was no old business for discussion.

The situation regarding the bid openings last week was explained to Dave Smith. Discussion was held regarding the other bids received and after comparison, all were in agreement they would stay with Legacy. None of the bids were exact as to what services were offered to promote selling the property. Steve Black added that one of the companies was outside Crawford County. Dave Smith assisted Jared Boast in making the motion that having received bids prior to the cut-off date, the commission wanted the motion to affirm the motion made with Legacy Realty. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:25 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion for Danny Brown to be the contact person for the National Fish Passage Program. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

10:30 a.m.: Jax Jensen asked if any of the commissioners had received any notice regarding the vacation of a portion of Thickety Ford Road. All responded not recently. Jax Jensen presented an official petition that had been filed regarding the road. None of the commissioners had received the filing. Dave Smith contacted the attorney who filed the petition, Brooks Kenagy. Brooks Kenagy entered the meeting and stated the petition it had been received by the county clerk. Brooks Kenagy exited the meeting and returned with a survey showing the part of the road that is subject to vacation. Steve Black showed the survey to Kathy Berti and explained.

11:08 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the January 16, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner