

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; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included Darin Layman, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Pat Schwent, Richard Jensen, Chad Barton, Mark Pfeiffer, Charles Cunningham, Clyde Keene, Glen King, Joan King, Margie Walden, Sergio DeCarvaltto, Judi Aldrich, DaShawna Pellegrino, Amy England and Tommy Martin.

Tommy Martin opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:00 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the agenda for the July 15, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast provided a second. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 2, 2024, and the July 9, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission, and the closed minutes for the July 2, 2024 Crawford County Commission meeting. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast advised that the survey for Thickety Ford Road has been completed and the monuments have been placed. The boundary lines for the road are clear now.

County Officials: Karen Sikes gave June fund balances and said that sales tax was up.

Pat Schwent told the commission the Assessor and Collectors' building needed a new door, preferably one that is handicap accessible. The maintenance man from the Jail will evaluate the situation.

Darin Layman wanted to clarify that the vehicle that was donated to RTI, for the criminal justice students, was paid for from CLERF funds, and not taxpayer dollars.

9:15 a.m.: Joan King was on the agenda. Glen King and Sergio DeCarvaltto addressed the commission regarding Rustic Acres. Different areas of discussion were addressed; road maintenance and cost involved, new revenue streams for the county, funding competitive wages to retain employees, elected officials' salaries, and cost-share for paved roads. Jared Boast reiterated that he was not in favor of raising any taxes and explained that a tourist tax had been considered, but the revenue could not go toward road improvements. Jared Boast said that he would try to get the information Glen King requested by the end of the month.

10:00 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to recess from the Crawford County Commission meeting and enter into the Board of Equalization meeting in the County Clerk's office. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:10 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to reconvene the Crawford County Commission meeting. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Those in attendance were with the full commission were De Dee Hamilton, Kellie Vestal, Charles Cunningham, Darin Layman, Chad Barton, Richard Jensen and Amy England.

Steve Black made a motion to request bids for a new roof on the courthouse. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Bid specs will be available in the County Clerk's office, with the bid request to run in the newspapers from the week of July 22 through August 16. Bid openings will be at the regular commission meeting on Tuesday, August 20.

Clyde Keene and Mark Pfeiffer entered the meeting.

Jared Boast made a motion to cancel the July 30th and the August 6th meetings of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:20 a.m.: Citizens' participation: Clyde Keene had questions. Jared Boast explained again, why the money being used for the coroner's facility can not be used for road improvements. The funds allocated for the coroner's facility was generated from one tax; the funds for the roads are from a different tax. The funds from each tax can only be used for specific things. Steve Black reiterated again, that you can not move funds for one purpose in the county to use in another. Discussion was held regarding the best use of taxpayer funds and communication with the public. Information regarding commission meetings is thoroughly covered in the local papers, the minutes are available online and on social media.

10:35 a.m.: Steve Black advised that the contract for the real estate transaction on Franklin Street had been given to the real estate company.

10:38 a.m.: Karen Sikes entered the meeting.

10:40 a.m.: Citizen participation ended and Clyde Keene exited the meeting.

In regard to the near drowning recently, Amy England inquired about the ordinance governing the public being allowed to stand, park or sit on county bridges.

10:50 a.m.: Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Charles Cunningham and Richard Jensen exited the meeting.

11:15 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to adjourn the July 15, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner