

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; and De Dee Hamilton; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included Mark Pfeiffer, Darren Layman, Danny Brown, Mike Lovell, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Robert Sikes, Cindy Redburn, Annette Burdett, Kem Schwieder, Richard Jensen, Hunter Phillips, David Gargus, Ryan Storz and Amy England.

Bob Coleman opened the meeting with prayer and exited.

9:00 a.m.: Steve Black made a motion to amend the agenda for the September 24, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission, to include Annette Burdett. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:02 a.m.: Rob Cummings made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the September 17, 2024, Crawford County Commission meeting. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:04 a.m.: Annette Burdett announced there was an objection to the minutes of September 10, 2024. Steve Black referred to statute 610.020 that gave direction as to what needs to be in the minutes. Cindy Redburn had done research on surrounding counties and their meeting minutes, and said some counties are extensive and some are not so extensive. Cindy Redburn thought the public should have access to the minutes before approval. Kem Schwieder wanted there to be a minimum of two weeks for review, before the minutes are approved. Steve Black agreed. Annette Burdett thought an addendum or correction could be appropriate after the minutes are approved. De Dee Hamilton stated she would follow the direction of the commission. Steve Black said the minutes from September 10, 2024 will be amended at the commission meeting next week.

Mike Lovell asked about whether the commission should be following Roberts Rule of Order when conducting a commission meeting. Steve Black responded that Roberts Rule of Order does not apply to a small, three person commission.

9:40 a.m.: Karen Sikes needed signatures on Opioid Fund Disbursement forms for MRPC. Steve Black made a motion to allow MRPC to handle funds per their recommendation. This was regarding whether those awarded the funds should have to submit receipts before reimbursement, or after. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:48 a.m.: Darren Layman advised the commission that he was not recommending renewal of the contract with Advanced Correctional Health Care.

9:49 a.m.: Annette Burdett referred to an email that had been sent to John Martin and David Smith and stated she did not want to, but she would pursue a civil liberties suit seeking the resignation of John Martin and the appointment of a qualified candidate for County Clerk.

10:00 a.m.: Krysta Swartz from Great Rivers Engineering opened bids for bridges on Little Shoal Creek and Benton Creek:

Gene Hale Excavating-California, MO \$727,752.50

PCX-Arnold, MO \$1,044.964

WPBG Bridge and Grading-West Plains, MO \$1,000,033.

JK Concrete and Hauling, LLC-California, MO \$908,252.

Krysta Swartz advised GRE would review the bids and make a recommendation next week.

Krysta Swartz and Danny Brown exited the meeting.

10:10 a.m.: Under old business: Annette Burdett inquired about a letter being sent from the commission to the voters of Liberty/Liberty regarding the confusion with the boundary. Steve Black said it would be discussed later.

Under citizens' participation: Discussion was held regarding whether it was time for an audit of the county. Kem Schwieder asked whether paving in Road District 2 had been contracted. Jared Boast said yes and that some of the bids were carryover bids from ARPA funds and another was a cost share with the City of Sullivan. Kem Schwieder inquired about a copy of the bids from the City of Sullivan. Annette Burdett asked for a general copy of the oath of office for elected officials. De Dee Hamilton agreed to send the oath.

Discussion was held regarding hiring personnel for county offices. It was agreed that elected officials can hire additional personnel, as long as it is within their budget.

It was asked, again, why Road District 2 is in the negative. It was explained, again, that Road District 2 had a declared disaster that required immediate attention and funding, and Road District 2 was waiting for reimbursement of the funds from FEMA and SEMA.

10:33 a.m.: Citizens' participation ended.

Jared Boast made a motion to authorize a policy to be drafted for the appointment of taxing district boards. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. This policy would apply to the Scenic Regional Library, the Crawford County Library, SB 40 and Senior Citizens Boards.

11:05 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the September 24, 2024, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Rob Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner