

Crawford County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with these members present: Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner; Mark Pfeiffer, Commissioner District 1; Jared Boast, Commissioner District 2; County Clerk Kim Gibbs and De Dee Hamilton; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included Darin Layman, Kellie Vestal, Richard Jensen, Karen Sikes, Michael Lovell, Amy England and Frank Brooks.

Frank Brooks opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:07 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the agenda for the January 7, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

There were no previous meeting minutes presented.

9:10 a.m.: County officials: Karen Sikes gave bank balances. Kellie Vestal presented supplementals for December for signature. Karen Sikes stated that she would get credit cards for the two road district foremen. Mark Pfeiffer and Jared Boast asked that their credit limit be set to \$5,000 each. Danny Brown's credit card limit will stay at \$1,000.

9:18 a.m.: Dave Smith explained how a use tax works and discussion was held regarding a use tax vs a tourism tax. Seventy-five percent of a tourism tax goes back to the state to promote tourism, the other twenty-five percent is split between all the EMS entities, with very little coming back to the county for any other use. Ballot language for a use tax is already set, the decision as to what it funds will be determined by an additional ordinance the commission would put in place upon passage. The commission agreed that it should be decided by the voters whether they want a use tax, and the commission would do the research as to where the potential funding from the use tax would benefit the county the most. The amount of a use tax is 4.225% and it is on out of state purchases, excluding vehicles and other titled properties. Karen Sikes agreed to do some research to try to determine how much money could be generated for the county with a use tax in place. More discussion next week.

9:59 a.m.: Steve Black advised that the lessee of the property at 409 S Franklin had asked to be released from the lease and the commission agreed. There is another business interested in the building. The lessee will drop off the key to the building to the clerks office.

10:00 a.m.: Under Citizens' Participation: Discussion was held again regarding whether the commission would now entertain having commission meetings video recorded. The commission would be required to store any video forever and have it available, as video would be subject to any open records requests. More discussion was held regarding a use tax and it was agreed that it should be up to the voters to decide. Ballot language must be certified to the county clerk by January 28 for it to be on the April 8, 2025 Municipal Election ballot.

10:22 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the January 7, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner