

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, Hunter Phillips, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Pat Schwent, Danny Brown, Chuck Renner, Krysta Swartz, Richard Jensen, Rodney Neff, Brad England, Cindy Redburn, Mike Lovell and Gary Mace.

Gary Mace opened the meeting with prayer.

9:03 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the agenda for the March 4, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission, with an amendment to include an appointment to the Senior Citizens Tax Board. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes of February 11, 2025. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

There were no commission meeting minutes for February 18, 2025, as inclement weather cancelled the meeting for that day.

A draft of the commission meeting minutes for February 25, 2025 was presented.

9:06 a.m.: County Officials: Pat Schwent presented the annual settlement report and gave copies to the commission.

9:16 a.m.: Steve Black signed the renewal contract with DevNET.

9:19 a.m.: Kim Gibbs advised the commission that there was only \$1,000 budgeted for security as she was unaware of outstanding invoices that had not been paid for the security updates that had been contracted. The administration budget also needed an additional amount for contract labor for snow and ice removal that was necessary after the storm in January.

9:24 a.m.: Karen Sikes gave the Treasurer's report and advised that the county has implemented the Positive Pay System in an attempt to combat fraud.

9:26 a.m.: Kellie Vestal presented supplementals for February and advised that an employee from the Assessors office was involved in an accident last week. The other party has taken responsibility for the accident and is supplying the Assessors office with a rental vehicle. Their insurance company is still determining whether the vehicle should be totalled.

9:29 a.m.: Krysta Swartz presented documents for signature for the High Point Road bridge project and updated the commission on the John Coleman, Sellers and Bass bridge projects.

It was noted that the Smith Road bridge was closed as it had failed a MoDOT inspection. Replacement of that bridge had already been scheduled so the project is about 18 months ahead of schedule. Hopefully the bridge will be finished in the spring of 2026.

9:40 a.m.: Steve Black made a motion to appoint James Burlison to the Senior Citizen Tax Board. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:43 a.m.: Old Business: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to allow the Missouri Ozark Rally Race in Crawford County on July 12, 2025. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The race will start past the property of the family who was not in favor of having the race.

9:48 a.m.: The commission discussed the statewide county commissioners meeting they attended last week where there was much discussion with counties that had passed the use tax and how beneficial it was to those counties.

There was discussion about SB57, which will eliminate local tax on food in 2030. Hopefully, this bill will not pass as the loss in revenue to counties will be huge.

10:11 a.m.: Cindy Redburn gave her opinion regarding the use tax; this is a tax you pay when you choose to purchase something, unlike the mandatory tax that is imposed on real estate and personal property.

Cindy Redburn would like to see a policy put in place to require an appraisal for any properties purchased by the county in the future. Steve Black will contact Dave Smith regarding this.

10:12 a.m.: New Business: There were no bids received for a new pick-up truck for Road District 2.

10:21 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the bid from Crull Construction for \$32,200, for the maintenance shed at Road District 1. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The bid included an upgrade of \$3,000 to allow metal posts over wooden posts on the building. Mark Pfeiffer advised that Road District 1 would not be installing the garage door that was also bid out.

10:24 a.m.: Citizens' Participation: Jared Boast agreed to meet Mike Lovell at his property to address a problem with a culvert that had been installed there.

10:29 a.m.: Rodney Neff had questions regarding Baldwin Road. Rodney Neff was to sign the paperwork for Baldwin Road but not for Sun Meadow or Thatcher Roads.

10:35 a.m.: Danny Brown advised that Rob Pulliam would be in Crawford County next week and that there is a stream crossing meeting with the Missouri Department of Conservation on Thursday, March 6th at the sheriff's department from 9-12.

10:53 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the March 4th, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner