

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 Danny Brown, Joe Weber, John Stob, Brent Cain, Rob Pulliam, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Richard Jensen, Amy England and Jerry Beers.

Jerry Beers opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:03 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the agenda for the March 11, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission, 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 25, 2025. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

A draft of the commission meeting minutes for March 4, 2025 was presented.

Steve Black made a motion to renew the county's letter of credit with Peoples Bank. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:06 a.m.: County Officials: Kellie Vestal advised that the insurance carrier for the driver involved in the accident with the Assessor's office vehicle sent a check for repairs on the vehicle. Karen Sikes stated that sales tax for February was down less than 4% vs 2024.

Jared Boast made a motion to decrease the asking price on the garage building on Franklin Street to \$129,900. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:11 a.m.: John Stob and Brent Cain with Great Rivers Engineering gave a progress report on the Benton Creek Bridge. Plans are for the bridge to be opened next week. Danny Brown advised that the Little Shoal Creek Bridge opened on February 14, 2025.

9:14 a.m.: Rob Pulliam with The Nature Conservancy visited with the commission and advised that TNC would be covering Danny Brown's \$22,500 salary with the county, and also issuing a check for \$25,000 to go toward the cost of a bridge near Davisville and Crabtree Road. Jeff Banderet entered the meeting. TNC is funded with private donations; there are no county, state or federal funds used. TNC's mission is to conserve water and land and is a non-government, non-profit organization. TNC recognizes the value in Danny Brown's experience and hopes Danny can share his knowledge of roads and bridges with other counties. Danny Brown added that TNC was also providing funds toward the bridges on Sellers and John Coleman roads.

Adam Carnal entered the meeting.

9:29 a.m.: Jeff Banderet with GRE presented a contract for the commission to sign for the Smith Road bridge. The county was awarded BRO for this bridge. The completion date on the bridge is September 2026, or sooner. The contract amount is not to exceed \$120,606.37; with the design amount being \$83,815.49 and the construction amount being \$36,790.88. The county's portion is between \$12,000 to \$14,000. Jared Boast stated the bridge is too fragile to

try to have it operational temporarily and that there were other ways to go out Smith Road without using the bridge.

9:40 a.m.: Under Citizens' Participation: Joe Weber asked when Weber Road could be fixed. Jared Boast hoped there could be some repairs as soon as possible.

9:44 a.m.: There was some discussion about what issues besides the use tax are on the ballot for the April 8, 2025 election.

Karen Sikes advised that the annex parking lot was being cleaned by the City of Steelville on Friday and anyone wanting any of the sand on the parking lot before Friday could have it.

9:46 a.m.: County Clerk Kim Gibbs will send out a reminder to all county offices that their lists of surplus items is due before April 1st. The items will be advertised in the newspaper April 10th, 17th and 24th, with bids opening on April 29th. All items will be in each individual office offering the items and the public should go to each office to view what was available.

9:49 a.m.: The commission reviewed and signed invoices. Joe Weber exited the meeting

10:22 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the March 11th, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner