

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; and Kim Gibbs; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included, Darin Layman, Jordan Trendal, Kellie Vestal, Richard Jensen, Cindy Redburn, Bob Coleman, Danny Brown, Brad England, Kim Cook, Karen Sikes and Mike Lovell.

9:00 a.m.: Bob Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

9:02 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the agenda for the January 13, 2026, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:02 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes for the December 30th, 2025 meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:03 a.m.: A draft of the commission meeting minutes for January 6, 2026, was presented.

9:04 a.m.: No mail and Documents.

9:05 a.m.: County Official Reports:

Karen Sikes gave updates on the County sales tax report, Raymond James report and also a Use tax report she had looked into for the County.

Kim Gibbs mentioned that the new ATV tags would be available to the public for both the new lifetime of the vehicle tag and also the new special events tag.

Steve Black reached out to the Department of Revenue with questions about a Tourism tax instead of a Use tax

9:10 a.m.: Scheduled Appointments:

Danny Brown gave updates on High Point, Bass, Sellers, Willhite and Woolsey bridge projects.

9:18 a.m.: Old Business:

Use tax discussion.

Brad England spoke at the Cuba Chamber meeting and answered several questions about the Use tax. Jared Boast spoke to several small groups answering questions as well. Steve Black went on to read the ballot language from last year. He suggested that someone put an article in the paper to help promote it and clear up some questions the public may have about it.

The Commission decided to put the Use tax on the agenda for the following week to decide.

9:25 a.m.: New business:

Employee handbook:

The Commission will meet next week to go over and vote on a new, updated employee handbook for the County employees.

Senior Citizen Tax board member appointments:

Steve Black made a motion to reappoint Chris Lauderson and Monty Todd to the Senior Citizen Tax Board. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:35 a.m.: Citizen participation:

Mike Lovell had questions about the County Audit and the Use tax. He also asked if the County had a federal budget and whether we had a Resource Committee.

Richard Jensen wanted to know when a Library Board seat will open. He also wanted to know about where our taxes are compared to last year.

The budget approval meeting for 2026 will be held to the public on Thursday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m.

9:43 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to go into closed session. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:24 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to come out of closed session. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:26 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to hire Loren Wilson as the new Emergency Management Director for Crawford County. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

11:03 a.m.: Steve Black mentioned that Loren Wilson will need to submit a contract and the Commission by January 26th, 2026. Once the Commission has the contract, they will review and negotiate it on January 27th, 2026.

11:37 a.m.: The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner