

Crawford County Commission Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

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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, Bill Cooper, Corey Cottrell, Michael Lovell, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Angel Monda and Jordan Trendle.

9:00 a.m.: Angel Monda opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:02 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the agenda for the January 20, 2026, Crawford County Commission meeting, with an amendment to discuss the new employee handbook. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Chase Marable with Higginbotham Insurance Company and Kim Cook entered the meeting.

9:03 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes for the January 6, 2026, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:04 a.m.: County Officials: Darin Layman advised that the Sheriff's Department would be entering into a contract with Stronghold Data for their IT and the Jail contract would stay with Summit Foods.

9:05 a.m.: Kim Gibbs advised that the ATV/UTV permanent and event permits were now available in her office.

9:06 a.m.: Steve Black advised that Loren Wilson, the new EMD, will be starting on February 1st, as an independent contractor.

9:07 a.m.: Chase Marable was on the agenda to discuss county property valuations and the insurance premium. The county had been insured for \$15.1 million and the premium was \$29,000 per year. After reassessing the buildings and contents, the county will be insured for \$23.6 million and the premium will increase by \$16,000. Mark Pfeiffer asked that the Road District 1 shed be reevaluated. Steve Black asked the same for the property at 702 S Franklin. Chase Marable agreed to reassess both.

9:18 a.m.: Karen Harlan entered the meeting.

Chase Marable addressed flood plain insurance: Going back to 1994, Crawford County has had six events and flood plain insurance was considered, however the price was cost prohibitive, and the county would have only had \$500,000 worth of coverage. Because Crawford County is in a severe repetitive zone, the county would have had to pay the highest premium; \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year, to purchase that \$500,000 worth of coverage. Discussion was held regarding gratitude that the county had a previous five-year plan in place that put funds in a separate account so it was there after the flood of 2024. The commission will budget to replace whatever of those funds are not reimbursed by FEMA. Jared Boast noted that property values and replacement costs had skyrocketed, resulting in the county needing to be reevaluated for more insurance coverage. Chase Marable exited the meeting.

9:27 a.m.: Old Business: Use tax discussion was held. Bill Cooper had questions regarding the tax. Comparisons were given regarding counties that have a tourism or lodging tax. Eligibility to have either of those taxes varied on many things; county population, city population, miles of lake shoreline, county vs municipality, and other variables. Crawford County is not eligible to have a tourism tax, according to the Missouri Department of Revenue. The commission has diligently explored every avenue to try to discover what kind of tax, besides a use tax, the county could promote to try to avoid other taxes for the citizens of Crawford County. A use tax will only be paid for online purchases on items purchased from out-of-state, and a person will never pay a sales tax and a use tax on any purchase.

9:53 a.m.: Corey Cottrell exited the meeting.

Jared Boast made a motion for the Crawford County Commission to place a use tax on the April 7, 2026, Municipal Election ballot. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

10:09 a.m.: Discussion was held regarding the new employee handbook. There was clarification from the 2021 handbook regarding a weapon-free workplace; allowable in a case by case instance, with proper training and certification.

10:12 a.m. Corey Cottrell returned to the meeting.

10:14 a.m.: The road districts will have their own holiday schedule, since they work four ten-hour days and they will share that with the health department as they also work that schedule.

10:16 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the 2026 version of the Crawford County Employee Handbook. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The new handbook will be accessible to employees through their time entry portal with Tyler Technologies.

10:18 a.m.: Citizen Participation: Corey Cottrell addressed the commission to commend them for how they go above and beyond for the county and he wanted to voice some positivity for the work they do. He added that from his business world, he wanted to thank the commission for all their efforts. Bill Cooper was impressed with the action the commission has taken.

10:19 a.m.: Don Diehl entered the meeting.

10:21 a.m: Citizen Participation ended.

10:22 a.m.: Mike Lovell, Corey Cottrell and Bill Cooper exited the meeting.

10:33 a.m.: Jared Boast stated that he and Mark Pfeiffer would be together after the commission meeting for a team building meeting.

Don Diehl gave Mark Pfeiffer evaluation certificates for the Road District 1 shed addition.

10:35 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to adjourn the January 20, 2026, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner