

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 Jenni Pilkenton; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the meeting included Jordan Trendle, Kim Gibbs, Kellie Vestal, Darin Layman, Pat Schwent, Amy England, Henry Kemnitzer, Brooks Kenagy and Karen Sikes.

9:00 a.m.: **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Darin Layman opened the meeting with a prayer; Mark Pfeiffer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:01 a.m.: **Agenda:**

*Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 29th, 2026, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

9:02 a.m.: **Minutes:**

*Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes for September 15th, 2026. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; Motion carried.

9:03 a.m.: **Mail and Documents:**

None

9:03 a.m.: **County Official Reports:**

- Darin Layman mentioned that the Sheriff's office was hosting a retirement lunch for long time employee, Jeanette Pendleton this Thursday from 12-1. He also mentioned the renegotiation of the federal contract for inmate housing he is reviewing and will follow up with the commission on a later date.
- Jared Boast gave an update for the Smith Road bridge project and the status of the road grader and brush cutter.
- Mark Pfeiffer gave updates on Arlie Barr, Sig Bass, Wilhite and Keysville Roads.
- Karen Sikes gave the pulled cash report and mentioned the final CD with Raymond James matured and has been moved to People's Bank.
- Kim Gibbs mentioned that we will need to amend the budget for the CD. She also gave an update on the Congressional District map we will be voting on for November. Kim also discussed the Text My Gov website she has been looking into to be able to get county information out quicker and easier to residents that would be interested in signing up for the service. More discussion will continue until a decision is made.

9:27 a.m.: **Scheduled appointments:**

- Tax redemption with Pat Schwent

Pat Schwent had a tax redemption for Christina and Derek Thompson on a property for parcel # 05-2.1-04-0-00-010.010 and parcel # 05-2.1-04-0-00-007.030. Brooks Kenegy came in to explain the sorted history of the tax redemption process with research he had prepared for the issue at hand. After lengthy discussion on the statutes and his findings, it was found that even though the county is not following the “black letter law”, we are not doing anything wrong. It was advised that at some point the commission may want to look into revising the existing policy we currently use. As for now, they will continue to use the current policy for this redemption. Christine Thompson addressed the commission with her concerns. Mrs. Thompson said “Angie Shulte with the Collectors Association, she lobbies for them, she advises for them. She is putting up early in December a statute to make this real clear for everybody, hoping to champion it by end of session next year. So, there will be some directive on how every county will handle this because it’s very grey. And she said that there are lawsuits and have been lawsuits against collectors throughout the state because like Pat, there’s collectors in Cass County, she named like 10 counties doing it this way, not necessarily the correct way. According to Capital Research, Dan Hutton, he is with the state tax commission, and he says this is absolutely bizarre. And that it is US Supreme Court cases where this could be very grey for you guys and could set you up for potential litigation.”

Steve Black went on reaffirm that the county, while not following the “black letter law”, is not doing anything incorrectly. It has been researched in detail and as of now we will continue with the existing policy until further notice.

- Jared Boast made a motion for Derek James Thompson, manager of D. Thompson Properties, LLC. To receive the surplus funds in the amount of \$35,872.39 currently being held by the Treasurer for the property located at Jakes Prairie Road, parcel# 05-2.1-04-0-00-010.010 executing the redemption process. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.
- Jared Boast made a motion for Derek James Thompson, manager of D. Thompson Properties, LLC. To receive the surplus funds in the amount to \$1,312.27 for the property located at Jakes Prairie Road, parcel# 05-2.1-04-0-00-007.030 executing the redemption process. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

- Library Board Report with Amy England

Amy England addressed the commission with the Library Board reports and gave updates on financials, the Director’s reports, work on the Steelville building, the statistics report and salaries.

10:09 a.m.: **Old Business:** None

10:09 a.m.: **New business:** None

10:09 a.m.: **Citizen Participation:**

Henry Kemnitzer had questions regarding Meramec Farms Road. Mark Pfeiffer addressed the questions and responded, saying that the issue is still in litigation and that he was waiting to hear a concrete decision.

10:16 a.m.: **Bills:**

10:17 a.m.: **Additional Commentary:**

It was mentioned that there will be no meeting next week on October 6th due to conferences.

10:37 a.m.: **Adjourn:**

*Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the September 29th, 2026, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in Favor; motion carried.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner