

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.**

The following members were present: Mr. Paul Chapman (Chairman), Mr. Bobby Blasingame (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Justin Spillers, and Mr. John Thomas.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. JUSTIN SPILLERS

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that "Called Meeting – 18 September 2015" be added under "Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting" to the agenda. Mr. Spillers made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 15 September 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 15 September 2015. Mr. Spillers made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting 18 September 2015. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Public Hearing: *Variance – Charles Axton/Robert Averett*

The parties were not available and the Board opted to wait until the end of the meeting to address the variance request.

Public Hearing: *Variance – Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company*

Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company has requested the Board to allow an easement that exceeds (500) five hundred feet in length. The parcel located at Ga. Hwy 42 in Land Lot 95 of the 7th Land District is land locked.

After some discussion Mr. Spillers made a motion to grant the request for variance. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing: *Mule Creek Road – Proposed abandonment*

Mr. Robert Ray (Mule Creek Road) had requested the Board (in a prior meeting) consider abandoning a portion of Mule Creek Road. He stated that the road was mostly untraveled and that people had been using the area for dumping.

Mr. Kelly stated that since that previous meeting the surrounding property owners had been notified requesting opinions as to the proposed abandonment. He went on to say that he had received two (2) letters of opposition.

Mr. Chapman (Chairman) asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak about the proposed abandonment.

Mr. Steve Nowachi was opposed to the proposed closure. He was concerned that if the bridge on Mule Creek were to be damaged there would not be an alternative egress or ingress to his property.

Ms. Craddick stated that if the road were closed her property would become the turn around. She was strongly in opposition of the request.

Mr. Turner stated it would increase his drive to work by 9-10 minutes one way. Mr. Turner was opposed to the proposed abandonment.

Mr. Robert Dickey stated that he owned 80 acres of peaches that boarder Mule Creek and if the road were to be closed he would no longer have access to harvest his peaches. He requested the Board not abandon the road.

There was a discussion on how the road could be improved. Mr. Chapman requested Mr. Mincey to identify the existing right of way. Once right of way was determined the Board would consider upgrade options for the roadway.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to not abandon Mule Creek Road. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Announcements: *County Extension Agent – Meet and Greet*

Mr. Kelly stated that the County had a new 4-H and Agriculture/Natural Resources Agent. Her name is Kelli Cody and she will be holding an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social Meet and Greet on Tuesday, October 13, 2013 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Crawford county Extension office located at 100 Wright Avenue. He requested that the Board members consider dropping in to meet the new agent.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *2016 LMIG – Contract Awards*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board formally award the asphalt paving contracts to Georgia Asphalt as they were the low bidder on the three (3) projects let for bid last month.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to award the paving projects to Georgia Asphalt. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

New Business: *New Checking Account – CDBG 2015*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that it would be necessary to open a new account for the CDBG 2015 water extension project. He requested the Board members sign the signature cards for the account.

The Board had no objections.

New Business: *Development Authority – Board Appointment*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Board would need to make an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Crawford County Development Authority as Ms. Starlet McGhee's term expired on 10/1/15. He went on to say that the Development Authority Board position was being advertised and he hoped that the BOC could meet the applicants at its regularly scheduled meeting of November 3, 2015.

New Business: *Inert Landfill – Discussion*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the current inert pit was still under construction and awaiting the permit in order to start depositing inert material. He went on to say that the transfer station was being used to store those inert materials until such time that the new pit was brought on line. He went on to say that the volume of those materials may be enough to fill the first cell of the new pit and asked the Board if they would like to discuss the policies associated with accepting inert materials.

Mr. Chapman was concerned about the County allowing inert materials from private contractors to use the inert landfill without some type of fee.

After much discussion the Board requested Mr. Kelly to research how other Counties are handling the issue and report those findings to Board.

New Business: *Schedule Meeting with Local Delegation*

Mr. Kelly suggested that the Board hold a meeting with the County's local delegates in order to initiate a dialogue that would address issues of concerns that may be facing the County in the upcoming years. Those issues may include but not limited to such items as Consolidation, T-Splost, Consolidation/Privatization of services, Environmental issues, etc.

Representative Dickey stated that he would appreciate such a meeting as it would help him understand the issues the County may be facing.

Mr. Kelly stated he would also invite Senator Kennedy.

After some discussion the Board requested Mr. Kelly to try to schedule a day in the second week of November between 5-7 p.m.

Public Hearing: *Variance – Charles Axton/Robert Averett*

Mr. Miller (Zoning Administrator) asked if the Board would like to make a decision on the requested variance. He went on to say that the applicants were still not in attendance. The Board opted to have Mr. Miller explain the request on behalf of the applicants.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Axton and Mr. Averett each owned a parcel of property and the two (2) parcels were adjoining. The property owners wished to move a shared property line in order to allow a shed that was currently on one parcel now be located on the other parcel. In doing so, one parcel would become larger and the other smaller. As a result the smaller parcel would become a non-conforming lot as a lot must be at least 1.5 acres in size.

After some discussion Mr. Spillers made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

Adjourn:

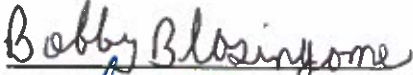
There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 06 October 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
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TUESDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2015**



Mr. Paul Chapman - Chairman



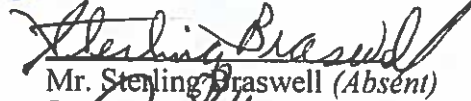
Mr. Blasingame - V. Chairman



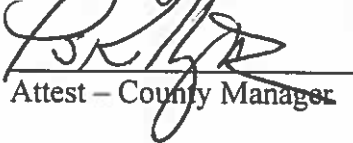
Mr. Justin Spillers



Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell (*Absent*)



Attest - County Manager