

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. BOBBY BLASINGAME

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spillers made the motion. 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. Braswell made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Appearances: *Cam Yearty (Regional Commission) – 2015 CDBG Grant*

Mr. Yearty requested the Board consider entering into a "Memorandum of Agreement" (MOA) between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and Crawford County. This agreement once executed would allow the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to perform the necessary administrative work associated with the implementation and completion of the County's 2015 CDBG award, except for the legal and auditing services. In return the County would agree to pay \$30,000.00 to the MGRC for the services associated with the administration of the Community Block Development Grant.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to approve the request and enter into the MOA. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Yearty presented Mr. Kelly with the Check for the CDBG award in the amount of \$500,000.

Appearances: *Sam Peeren/Jonathon Connell (Regional Commission) – Comprehensive Plan*

Mr. Perrin and Mr. Connell informed the Board that the County would be required to develop a Comprehensive Plan in order to stay eligible for DCA grants. They described a Comprehensive Plan as a 20-year policy (updated every 5 years) for the physical development and redevelopment of the County. This plan would assess conditions, future projections, and implement strategies to achieve the community's goals. The Plan would also require extensive public participation.

The Comprehensive Plan would require the following elements:

- Land Use
- Community Goals
- Needs and Opportunities
- Community Work Program

And the following elements were optional as part of the plan:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Capital Improvement Program
- Economic Development

Mr. Connell stated that a "Steering Committee" would be necessary in order to help guide the process and requested the Board consider a diverse group of individual (10-20 people) that could serve on this committee throughout the process.

Ms. Laura Mathis (Regional Commission) stated that as part of the dues the County pays to the Regional Commission they would be able to assist in completion of the plan at no additional cost.

Mr. Chapman asked if the City of Roberta could be part of the Comprehensive Plan rather than the two government entities creating two plans.

Ms. Mathis stated that the last plan was completed with both the City and County and recommended the same be done for this plan.

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to allow the Regional Commission to assist in the development of the Comprehensive Plan and the Service Delivery Strategies for the County. He further requested the Regional Commission create the plan that would include all four (4) of the optional elements.

Mr. Spillers made the motion. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Appearances: *Chief Pate – ISO Rating*

Chief Pate advised the Board that the County's ISO rating had been reduced to a 6/6x. Because of this rating reduction certain citizens in the County may realize lower home owner insurance premiums. He went on to say that a citizen residing within five (5) road miles of a fire station and within 1000 feet of water source (fire hydrant) should be able to take advantage of the new rating.

The Board thanked Chief Pate for his time and the update.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Announcements: *Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars – Hawkins Grave Marking*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Indian Springs Chapter of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars will be dedicating a grave marker at the Benjamin Hawkins Burial Site on the banks of the Flint River on October 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. He stated that the Chapter has extended invitations to the Board members to join the assembly gathered there to honor Colonel Benjamin Hawkins.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *210 Carroll Road Property – Deed Transfer*

Mr. Mincey stated that the surplus property that had been recently sold would need to have the Deed transferred to the new property owner. As such, it would be necessary to have the Chairman sign a deed transfer. Mr. Mincey asked that the Board make a motion allowing the Chairman to sign the deed transfer.

Mr. Braswell made the motion. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

New Business: *Coroner Office – Robert Cody*

Mr. Robert Cody (Deputy Coroner) requested the Board consider increasing his salary to the Coroners salary. He went on to say that since the suspension of the current Coroner he has been performing all the duties associated with that elected office.

After some discussion Mr. Spillers made a motion to pay Robert Cody an amount equal to the salary he would receive should he be appointed coroner during the period for suspension of the Crawford County elected coroner Allen O'Neal. Such payment to be applied retroactively to August 19, 2015, and to continue until such time as to the earlier of the end of the suspension and reinstatement of the Coroner, an appointed temporary coroner, an appointed permanent coroner due to a vacancy in the office or the expiration of the present term of the coroner.

Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

Executive Session: *Pending Litigation*

Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlement. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2]

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Spillers made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board enters at 6:51 p.m.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Spiller seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Board exits at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Blasingame left the executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 15 September 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 3-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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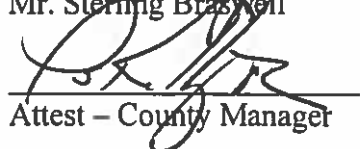

Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman


Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman


Mr. Justin Spillers

Absent
Mr. John Thomas


Mr. Sterling Braswell


Attest – County Manager