

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, 05 APRIL 2016**

**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 (arrives late), and Mr. Sterling Braswell.

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. STERLING BRASWELL**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Chapman asked to amend the agenda. He requested that "*Recreation – Grant Award*" and "*Jackson Road Inert Landfill – Handling Permit*" be added under "*Announcements*". Mr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**FIRST ON THE AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 15 March 2016***

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 15 March 2016. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**SECOND ON THE AGENDA**

**Public Hearing: *Lakeisha Harris – Special Exception***

Ms. Lakeisha Harris requested the Board consider the relocation of a manufactured home from Jackson Road to a parcel located on Highway 128. The proposed new site is zoned R-CD which requires a special exception in order to place a manufacture home. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the request be approved at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the request for special exception. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**Public Hearing:** *Skyway towers – Special Exception*

Mr. Wayne Bruce representing Skyway Towers requested the Board consider allowing the placement of a wireless one hundred ninety-five foot (195”) tower. The County’s telecommunication ordinance requires a special exception when a tower installation exceeds one hundred fifty feet (150’). The Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the request be approved at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to approve the request for special exception. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**Public Hearing:** *Haylee Chitty – Special Exception*

MS. Chitty was not in attendance at this time. The Board opted to address the request later in the meeting in order to allow time for the applicant to appear.

**Public Hearing:** *Text Amendment – CCLDR*

Mr. Miller (Zoning Administrator) requested the Board consider amending section 8.7 (Home Occupations) of the Crawford County Land Development Regulations (CCLDR) for the Unincorporated area of Crawford County. The amendment is proposed in order to better define the Home Occupations standards. Those standards are intended to ensure compatibility with the residential character of the neighborhood and to emphasize the clearly secondary or incidental status of the home occupation in relation to the residential use of the main building.

After some discussion, Mr. Blasingame asked the item be tabled and allow him time to review the proposed amendment. The Board had no objections.

**THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

**Appearances:** *Ms. Stacy Ladson – Development Authority Director*

Ms. Ladson updated the Board on the current activities of the Development Authority. She stated that the Development Authority has recently updated all the community profile information on Select Georgia, One Georgia.org, and Georgia EMC, in order to allow companies searching for site locations the ability to review available sites in Crawford County,

Ms. Ladson stated that the Authority is still actively looking for a large enough piece of property for a second industrial park site with available or accessible infrastructure.

Ms. Ladson stated the current park has a new industry, that once fully operational, will hire up to 15 people and has expressed a desire to expand its operation beyond its current occupancy.

The Board thanked Ms. Ladson for the review.

## **FOURTH ON THE AGENDA**

### **Announcements:** *Recreation – Grant Award*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) had informed the County that the grant application for additional lighting at the recreation fields had scored high enough to be recommended for funding. The next step in the process is the formal application process. This process will be completed by the Regional Commission by 22 April 2016.

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that they had committed \$50,000.00 in matching funds should the grant be awarded and it would be necessary to amend the current budget should the project be awarded and completed before the end of the fiscal year.

### **Announcements:** *Jackson Road Inert Landfill – Handling Permit*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the permit process for the proposed Inert Landfill located on Jackson Road had been completed earlier this year. He went on to say that on March 23, 2016 the Department of Natural Resources – Environmental Protection Division had approved the permit and the County could complete construction and begin use of the site.

*Mr. Spillers arrives at the Meeting.*

## **FIFTH ON THE AGENDA**

### **Old Business:** *Wireless Camera – Fuel Station*

At its last meeting of the BOC Mr. Kelly had requested the Board to consider purchasing a surveillance system for the fuel station located on Hortman Mill Road? He went on to say that there has been some inconsistency with some fuel reports and a surveillance system could help in identifying in anomalies. He presented a quote for a system in the amount of \$5,352.95.

During that meeting Mr. Spillers had expressed concerns as to the amount of storage space that was available on the proposed system and requested that the amount be double. He requested the County Manager to request a quote for that upgrade.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the requested upgrade in the amount of \$6,443.95.

After some discussion the Board requested that additional quotes be obtained and tabled the issue until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOC.

### **Old Business:** *Litter Collection - Update*

Mr. Kelly updated the Board on the litter collection program the County initiated last month. He went on to say that, although the program had just begun, it seemed to be running smoothly and

effectively. In the two (2) weekends that the contractors had collected litter they had picked up and bagged over 100 large garbage sacks of litter/debris.

**Old Business:** *Bulk Item Curb Side Service*

At a previous meeting the BOC had tabled the decision to add “Bulk Item Curb Side Waste Disposal” pickup on a periodic basis as an additional service. Mr. Kelly had presented the Board with two (2) scenarios as follows:

- If a monthly service is provided -- a rate of \$9.12 per year for an annual total of \$45,025.00.  
(Billed at \$3,752.08 per Month)
- If a quarterly service is provided-- a rate of \$6.28 per year for an annual fee of \$31,004.00  
(Billed at \$2,583.67 per Month)

Mr. Chapman requested that a voter pole be added to the web site to determine if the general public would be interested in paying an additional fee for the added service.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the results of the informal survey as follows:

26 voted “NO”  
24 voted “YES”

Mr. Spillers made a motion **not** to provide the additional services at this time. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Mr. Blasingame voted to provide the services.

**Old Business:** *Development Authority – Board Appointments*

Mr. Kelly stated he had run the following advertisement requesting applicant to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Development Authority Board:

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is currently seeking applicants to serve on the Board of Directors of the Crawford County Development authority. The Development Authority meets monthly and is charged with a wide range of tasks related to economic and business development. The two (2) people selected for these positions will complete terms that are set to expire on 03/01/2018 and 11/01/2018. Applicant will be required to pass a background check. Applications can be obtained on the County website at [www.crawfordcountyga.org](http://www.crawfordcountyga.org) or at the County Commissioners' office located at 1011 Hwy 341 North, Roberta, Georgia 31078. Please direct any questions to Ms. Carol Jackson at 478.836.3497. You may drop applications off at the Administration Office located at the above mentioned address or mail to Crawford County Board of Commissioners, PO Box 1059 Roberta, Georgia 31078. All applications must be completed and received by April 1, 2016.

Mr. Kelly stated that the following individuals had completed the application process. He went on to say that Ms. Dribnak could not be considered as she was not a full time Crawford County resident.

**APPLICANTS:**

Mr. Marcus Hamlin

Ms. Barbara Dribnak

Mr. Jay Andrews

Mr. Spillers made a motion to appoint Mr. Hamlin to complete the term vacated By Ms. Faircloth and Mr. Andrews to complete the term vacated by Mr. Ragsdale. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing:** *Haylee Chitty – Special Exception*

Ms. Chitty arrives at the meeting and the Board considers her request at this time.

Ms. Haylee Chitty is requesting the Board allow the placement of a manufactured home in a zoned R-AG area. Manufactured homes are only permitted by special exception in that zoning. Mr. Miller stated that a manufactured home was located on the site but had burned down a few years ago.

Mr. Spillers asked if the surrounding property owners also lived in manufactured homes.

Mr. Miller stated that the area was predominately populated with manufactured homes and that none of the surrounding property owners expressed any opposition to the request.

Mr. Spillers made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**SIXTH ON THE AGENDA**

**New Business:** *Lowe Road – Remnant Parcel*

Mr. Mincey (County Attorney) stated that in 2001 Lowe Road was improved. During that project time a portion of the roadbed was shifted in order to lessen the severity of a curve. That realignment left a portion of the old roadbed basically abandoned creating four (4) remnant parcels without ownership. Mr. Mincey requests that the Board allow him to proceed with the formal abandonment process for the old roadbed in order to clear up any land disputes.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to proceed with the formal abandonment process. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Award*

Mr. Kelly stated that the County had been awarded a grant from GEMA. The grant will be used to update the Crawford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal

requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The total approved cost is \$24,000 with a federal share of \$18,000, and a local share of \$6,000.

Mr. Kelly stated that the County had budgeted for its share of the expense in anticipation of being awarded the grant request.

**New Business:** *Moran Bridge – Debris Removal*

Mr. Kelly stated that debris has piled up on the upstream side of the bridge located on Moran Road. He went on to say that it has been difficult to hire an outside contractor to remove the debris due to the risk involved and the various permits required. He further stated that the few contractors that have shown interest submitted quotes in the \$20,000.00 range.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Federal Government had declared that Crawford County was a disaster area due to the Christmas flooding events and that 75% of the cost to clear the debris could be covered by FEMA.

Mr. Kelly stated that it may be necessary for the County to remove the Debris with its manpower and equipment should the County not be able to hire a contractor.

Mr. Kelly stated he would keep the Board members updated on the issue.

**New Business:** *EMA – Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement*

Mr. Mincey stated the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement was an agreement between Crawford and the surrounding Counties to provide a framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster. He went on to say that it is an agreement that is renewed periodically.

Mr. Spillers made the motion to enter into the agreement. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *Board of Elections – Linda Stokes*

Mr. Kelly stated that Ms. Linda Stokes term on the Board of Elections was set to expire on June 30, 2016. Mr. Kelly went on to say that Ms. Stokes was willing to continue to serve in that capacity should the Board decide to reappoint her.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to reappoint Ms. Stokes to a new four (4) year term on the Board of Elections. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**SEVENTH ON THE AGENDA**

**Executive Session:** *Discussing the future acquisition of real estate.*

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 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Blasingame made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board exits at 7:35 p.m.


Mr. Spillers made a motion to purchase approximately six tenths (0.6) of an acre from the Vine's in order to settle a Right of Way dispute on South Mathews Road in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.


**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 05 April 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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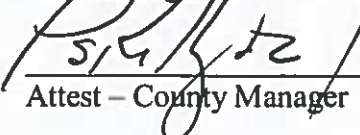
  
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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman

  
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Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman

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Mr. Justin Spillers

*Absent*  
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Mr. John Thomas

  
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Mr. Sterling Braswell

  
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Attest – County Manager