

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 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, Mr. Sterling Braswell, and Mr. John Thomas.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. BOBBY BLASINGAME

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that “*Called Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2015*” be added under “*Announcements*”, “*Development Authority – Board Appointment*”, “*Thanksgiving – Extended Holiday Schedule*”, and “*County Recreation Grant Authorization*” be added under “*New Business*” and “*Personnel*” and “*Pending Litigation*” be added under “*Executive Session*”. Mr. Spillers made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 03 November 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 03 November 2015. Mr. Spillers made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Announcements: *Roberta/Crawford Christmas Parade – 5 December 2015*

Mr. Kelly stated that the annual Roberta/Crawford County Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th, at 4:30 p.m. He went on to say that the sponsors of the parade have requested the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board consider riding on one of the floats during the event.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Blasingame stated they would attend if their calendar would allow.

Announcements: *Legislative Breakfast – Roberta Civic Center*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Crawford County Farm Bureau will be holding a "Legislative Breakfast" on November 24th at 7:00 a.m. at the Roberta Civic Center. Mr. John Kennedy (State Senator) would be the Guest of Honor. He requested the Board Member contact the Farm Bureau no later than 20 November if they planned to attend.

Announcements: *Called Meeting – December 2, 2015*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that a Called Meeting on 2 December 2015 has been scheduled. Mr. Kennedy (Senator) and Mr. Dickey (Representative) were also scheduled to participate in the meeting to discuss the following items on the proposed agenda:

T-SPLOST

Consolidation of Services – Multi County

- *Animal Control*
- *Tax Assessors*
- *Medical Examiner*

Elimination of Coroner Position – Transition to Medical Examiner

Minimum Property Tax Value for Habitual Structures – Out Buildings

Privatizing Services

Consolidation – County/City

- *Franchise Tax*
- *Non Partisan Elections*
- *Reduction of City Property Tax (7.74 mills)*
- *Job Security*
- *CDBG Grants*

Development Authority

Mr. Kelly requested the Board members contact his office prior to publication of the agenda should they wish to add an item for discussion.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *Comprehensive Plan – Members List*

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a list of forty two (42) potential candidates for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. He reminded the Board that the list would need to be reduced to 10-15 members by January in order to start the Comprehensive Plan process.

Old Business: *Mule Creek Road – Update*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that Mule Creek had been surveyed and staked. He requested the Board visit the road before making any improvement recommendations. He went on to say that any road way improvement will be at least twelve (12) months away.

Old Business: *Curbside Waste Disposal – Additional Services*

Mr. Kelly stated he had meet with representatives of Advanced Disposal about the possibility of providing curb side bulk items pickup. The following is the results of those discussions:

Bulk items will consist of no more than three (3) items with each item weighing no more than seventy five (75) pounds. If a service agreement is approved services could begin 01 April 2016. Crawford County would be billed in monthly installments based on the number of garbage fees on the digest with an additional twenty (20) church customers for a FY 2016 total of 4,937.

- *If monthly service is provided -- a rate of \$0.76c per month per resident (4,937) for an annual total of \$45,025.00.
(Billed at \$3,752.08 per Month)*
- *If quarterly service is provided-- a rate of \$1.57c per month per resident (4,937) for an annual fee of \$31,004.00
(Billed at \$2,583.67 per Month)*

After much discussion the Board opted to table the issue in order to study the proposal.

Old Business: *LMIG 2016 Resurfacing - Update*

Mr. Kelly stated that the four (4) LMIG 2016 road resurfacing projects were underway in the County and should be completed by 15 December 2015.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *FY 2017 FTA 5311 – Public Transportation Application*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board approve the FY17 FTA Section 5311 application for Federal funds for the Transit bus system. The application includes an anticipated budget amount of \$136,884 with the County providing a local match of \$61,598.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the 5311 Program Application for FY 2017. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *ACCG-IRMA – Insurance Safety Discount*

Mr. Kelly advised the Board that the County has received an insurance premium savings of \$8,787 for its Workers compensation, Property and Liability coverages from ACCG. The premium discount is for the County's full compliance with the requirements of the ACCG Safety Discount Program.

Mr. Kelly asked that the Board consider a one-time purchase of safety work boots for the employees associated with the grounds, shop and roads department as recommended by the ACCG insurance inspectors.

Mr. Chapman requested that the Personnel Manual reflect that those employees must wear the footwear as part of their uniform if the County were to purchase the boots.

Mr. Thomas asked for a motion to table the issue as to allow some time to study the issue. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *ACCG Lease Agreement Dump Trucks (2)*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider entering into a six (6) year lease agreement in order to purchase two (2) new Mack Dump Trucks. He went on to say that the lease would include the County trading in three (3) older trucks.

Mr. Foy (Shop Superintendent) stated the older trucks were become unsafe and experiencing many maintenance issues.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the following lease/purchase proposal:

**ACCG EQUIPMENT LEASING PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

<i>TWO (2) 2016 MACK 16' DUMP TRUCK</i>	<i>\$242,702</i>
<i>6 YEAR LESS @ TWO (2) PERCENT</i>	<i>\$ 15,757</i>
<i>TOTAL LEASE TO OWN</i>	<i>\$258,459</i>

ANNUAL AMOUNT DUE: Five Payments	\$ 51,692
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LEASE PAYMENTS WOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL NEXT NOVEMBER – FY 2017

CURRENT LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Principle Lease	58,1200	
Motorgrader	13,825	11/7/2018
Side Arm	22,500	4/1/2020
Motorgrader/Front End Loader	31,610	8/25/2020
TOTAL	67,935	

TRADE IN

1966 MACK TRUCK	\$10,000
2000 MACK TRUCK	\$15,000
2007 INTERNATIONAL	\$35,000
TOTAL TRADE IN	\$60,000

Mr. Spillers asked that pictures of the trucks to be provided to the Board prior to any decision on the lease/purchase of the new equipment.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to table the request until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOC. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *EMA – Grant for Emergency Generators*

Mr. Sharon informed the Board that Southern Rivers Energy had awarded the County \$2404.00 to fund half the cost of modifications for the two (2) emergency generators recently acquired by the County. He went on to say that the generators could be used as backup power for the Musella water tower and for the Administration building in case of emergencies.

The Board thanked Mr. Sharon for the update.

New Business: *Development Authority – Appointment*

Mr. Kelly advised the Board that Ms. McGee's term on the Development Authority Board had expired as of 30 September 2015. He went on to say that it would be necessary for the Board to appoint a new member. Mr. Kelly presented the Board with three (3) applicants that had responded to the recent advertisement in the Georgia Post. Those applicants are as follows:

MR. JAMES MARSHALL
MRS. LORETTA (LORI) CALDWELL
MR. FRED WALKER

4 YEAR TERM
OCTOBER 01, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Mr. Spillers made a motion to appoint Mr. James Marshall. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *Thanksgiving – Extended Holiday Schedule*

Mr. Chapman stated that the County has, in prior years, closed the County offices at 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. He went on to say that if the County wanted to continue this policy the Personnel Manual should formally be changed rather than being brought up for a vote each year.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the request for the extended holiday. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Chapman voting against.

New Business: *County Recreation Grant Authorization*

Mr. Doug Kelley (Recreation Director) advised the Board that he had been trying to locate grant opportunities that may aid in placing new lights at the recreation fields. He went on to say that he had requested the Regional Commission to assist in that endeavor and that Mr. Dobbins from the RC had located a possible grant candidate.

Mr. Daniel Dobbins stated that the Department of Natural Resources had such a grant but would require the County to match 50% of any grant amount. He requested the Board consider an amount they would be comfortable committing in order to submit an application. He went on to say that the grants were very competitive and there were no guarantees that the application would succeed.

After some discussion the Board stated they would commit \$50,000.00 should the grant application be selected for a total award amount including match would of \$100,000.00.

Mr. Mincey requested the Board adopt the following resolution regarding the pre-application and potential funding of a recreation grant as follows:

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioner of Crawford County, Georgia, held on November 17, 2015, a motion was made and duly seconded that the Board agrees to submit a Pre-application for funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Crawford County Board of Commissioner further agrees that in the event the County's pre-application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance their 50 percent of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

Executive Session: *Pending Litigation/Personnel*

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]

Personnel: Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, parodic, evaluation or rating of a government officer or employee. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)]

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 5-0. Board enters at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Spillers made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Board exits at 7:45 p.m.

SIXTH ON THE AGENDA

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 17 November 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried 5-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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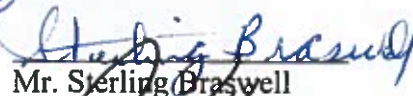


Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman

Mr. Justin Spillers



Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell


Attest – County Manager