

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2016**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DAVID MINCEY (County Attorney) AT 6:00 P.M.**

The following members were present: Mr. Paul Chapman, Mr. Sterling Braswell, Mr. Bobby Blasingame, and Mr. John Thomas.

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. JOHN THOMAS**

Mr. Justin Spillers arrives.

Mr. Mincey requested the members of the Board make a nomination for the Chairman position.

Mr. John Thomas made a motion to nominate Mr. Paul Chapman as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Chapman thanked the Board members for their vote of confidence. Mr. Chapman asked the members for a motion for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to nominate Mr. Bobby Blasingame. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that "*Consolidation – RC Questionnaire*" and "*Comprehensive Plan*" be added under "*New Business*". Mr. Spillers made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**FIRST ON THE AGENDA**

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

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 15 December 2015. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** *The Called Meeting of 15 December 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting of 15 December 2015. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**SECOND ON THE AGENDA**

**Announcements:** *Regional Commission – Regional Plan (06 January 2016)*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission is in the process of developing the update to the Regional Plan and will be holding a meeting at the following location:

*MEETING TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PLAN  
JANUARY 6, 2015 – 3:00 PM  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICES – CONFERENCE ROOM*

The plan will develop regional goals, such as growing a balanced economy, protecting natural and cultural resources, providing adequate infrastructure and government services, and coordinating land use and transportation planning to support sustainable economic development. As part of the development of this plan, MGRC staff will be traveling to each county for a community meeting to receive stakeholder feedback. These meetings will cover a variety of issues, and will be heavily focused on identifying the major challenges and opportunities for each individual county and the communities located therein, particularly as related to shaping future development within the county. These meetings will be open to members of the general public and community stakeholders, including, among others, city and county elected officials and staff."

**Announcements:** *Office Closure – MLK Day (18 January 2016)*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the County offices would be closed on Monday January 18, 2016 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. All offices would reopen on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

**THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

**New Business:** *Budget Amendment – Roads (Heavy Equipment)*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board amend the Roads Department and the Revenue budgets as follows:

ROADS – BUDGET AMENDMENT  
42000

<i>INCREASE BUDGET</i>	54.2200 – Lease/Purchase (Dump Trucks)	\$ 242,702.00
<i>INCREASE REVENUES</i>	39.3700 – Lease/Purchase Proceeds	\$ 242,702.00

The amendments were necessary to account for the purchase of two new Mack Dump Trucks.

Mr. Spillers made the motion to approve the request to amend the budgets. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:** *Coroner – Pay Scale*

Mr. Kelly asked if the Board wished to consider changing the way the Coroner is compensated prior to the next election cycle.

There was a discussion as to the current rate of pay based on the local act versus changing to a fee driven system or some type of hybrid of both methods.

Mr. Spillers requested the discussion be tabled until legal could provide an analysis of the Coroner pay under Georgia Code as opposed to the local Act that was made effective January 1, 2002.

The Board had no objections.

**New Business:** *Qualifying Fees - Refunds*

Mr. Kelly stated that an error had been made in the amount charged for the qualifying fees during the last special election. He went on to say that Mr. Spillers and Mr. Shepard had paid \$420.00 in qualifying fees when the amount should have been \$360.00. He requested the Board authorize a refund to Mr. Spillers and Mr. Shepard.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to authorize the refund in the amount of \$60.00. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Spillers abstained due to conflict.

**New Business:** *Jail – Roof Repairs*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Sheriff's office and the Senior Center may require the replacement of the existing roofs. He went on to say that he would be asking for estimates and would inform the Board of his findings.

**New Business:** *Road Closures*

Due to the recent heavy rains, Mr. Kelly announced that a portion of Rowland and Jackson Roads have been closed. He went on to say that repairs may take up to six weeks.

**New Business:** *Appointments – MGRC Council*

Mr. Kelly stated that the annual appointments for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council for Crawford County would need to be named. He went on to say that Mr. Westberry, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Robert Ray served in the prior year.

Mr. Mincey stated the appointments would be made by the Chairman of the BOC and the Mayor of Roberta. The Board and Council would not have a vote on those appointments.

Mr. Chapman stated he would contact Mayor Smith and they would provide the appointments as soon as possible.

**New Business:** *Consolidation – RC Questionnaire*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the Regional Commission would be steering the effort to create a charter for the proposed consolidation of the two governments. They requested the Board set three (3) meeting dates in order to complete the task of creating a charter.

After some discussion the called meeting dates were set as follows:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**New Business:** *Comprehensive Plan*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the County would be required to complete a twenty (20) year comprehensive plan before 2017. In order to develop the County's Comprehensive Plan it would be necessary for the Board to select a diverse group (10-15 members) of County citizens to serve on a "Steering Committee" that would craft the policy. This policy would assess conditions, future projections, and implement strategies to achieve the community's goals.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a list of potential candidates and requested each Board member provide his office with three (3) names prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board had no objections.

**FOURTH ON THE AGENDA**

**Adjourn:**

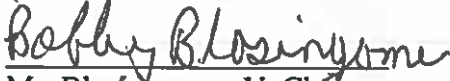
There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 05 January 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 5-0 and the Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman



Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman



Mr. Justin Spillers



Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest – County Manager