

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, 3 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. STERLING BRASWELL**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that "Thanksgiving Appreciation Lunch" be added under "Announcements", "County Shop – Relocation Discussion" and "Board of Health – Board Appointment" be added under "New Business". 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 20 October 2015***

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 20 October 2015. Mr. Spillers made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**SECOND ON THE AGENDA**

**Appearances: *Chief Pate – Fire Equipment***

Chief Pate informed the Board that he had recently been awarded a grant for the purchase of military surplus cargo truck. He stated that the County had to pay a \$100.00 administration fee for the truck which had a new value of \$104,626. The truck currently has less than 6000 miles on the odometer. He went on to say that this model of cargo trucks is being repurposed as brush fire suppression equipment by various fire departments. He presented the Board with pictures of the truck and pictures of repurposed trucks. He went on to say that the Fire Department had all the necessary equipment to refit the truck and all the County would need to do is have it painted. Chief Pate stated the cost to paint the truck would be less than \$2000.00.

The Board thanked him for the update.

**Appearances:** *Mrs. Cynde Dickey – Chamber of Commerce*

Mrs. Dickey stated that Rep. Robert Dickey had recently co-sponsored legislation to designate U.S. Hwy 341 from Perry, Georgia to Monroe County, Georgia as Georgia Grown Trail 341. The new marketing tool encourages visitors to trail along the highway and experience the different tourism opportunities available.

As members of the Georgia Grown Trail 341, Dickey farms and the Roberta/Crawford County Chamber of Commerce are requesting the purchase of two 48" X 48" signs at \$228.93 each. These signs will be installed at the county lines on Hwy. 341 by the Georgia D.O.T.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to purchase the signs in the amount of \$457.86. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Appearances:** *Ms. Thelma Blasingame – Curb Side Service (Oversized Items)*

Ms. Blasingame requested the Board consider allowing residents to place large and oversized waste items at the curb for pickup by the waste disposal service provider on a periodic basis. She went on to say that transporting those large items is difficult especially for the elderly.

Mr. Chapman stated that the cost of the specialized service may not be affordable.

There was also discussion on how the public could be notified of the service should the County wish to proceed.

Mr. Kelly stated that he had been working with the waste disposal provider on a plan that would allow the pickup of those oversized item. He went on to say that currently the cost estimates were not available but hoped to have some estimates by the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Mr. Spillers requested the Board table the issue until such time that cost estimates and a disposal plan could be developed.

The Board agreed to table the discussion.

**THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

**Announcements:** *Thanksgiving Appreciation Lunch and Dedication Ceremony*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the annual "Keep Roberta/Crawford Beautiful" Thanksgiving lunch was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at noon. He went on to say that Ms. Joann Hamlin (Clean and Beautiful Director) has requested the Board allow the employees to stay 15-20 minutes longer than normal as there is a dedication ceremony planned after lunch.

The Board had no objections.

## **FOURTH ON THE AGENDA**

### **Old Business: Transfer Station – Adoption of Resolution**

Mr. Kelly stated that legal had drafted a resolution for use of the transfer station as follows:

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POLICY FOR USE OF TRANSFER STATION  
FOR DEPOSIT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTE

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Furthermore, in an effort to keep administrative costs to manage said “Load Voucher” system at a minimum, the Board sets the Load Voucher fees as follows:

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So resolved and adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Mr. Mincey asked that the Board make one minor change to the resolution. He requested that the rate of \$150.00 per load for six wheeled vehicles be changed to six wheeled vehicles or less.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to adopt the resolution with the change. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:** *Meeting with Local Delegation – Update*

Mr. Kelly stated that the meeting with the local delegates has been set for Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. He presented the Board with a preliminary agenda and requested the members of the Board add any item to the agenda that may not have been considered prior to advertising the public hearing. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

Proposed Called Meeting of 2 December 2015  
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

T-SPLOST

Consolidation of Services – Multi County

- Animal Control
- Tax Assessors
- Medical Examiner

Minimum Property Tax Value for Habitual Structures – Out Buildings

Privatizing Services

Consolidation – County/City

- Non Partisan Elections
- Redistricting

Development Authority

Elimination of Coroner Position – Transition to Medical Examiner

**Old Business:** *Comprehensive Plan – Members List*

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with a list of potential candidates for the proposed steering committee that would be tasked in formulating the Roberta/Crawford Comprehensive Plan. He requested the Board members add any additional candidates they wish to consider prior to selecting the 10-15 persons committee.

Mr. Chapman requested that the list include more women for consideration.

Mr. Kelly stated he would provide a final list of candidates that voiced their willingness to serve in that capacity at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

**Old Business:** *Mule Creek Road - Update*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the right of way on Mule Creek Road had been surveyed and staked. He suggested the Board members visit the area prior to beginning any road improvement initiative in order to determine the best course of action. He went on to say that any improvement initiative was at least twelve (12) months away as there were approved projects that have not been completed as of this date.

Mr. Mincey stated that there was an existing irrigation system in the right of way and the property owner would need to remove the system prior to any road improvement.

Mr. Chapman requested Mr. Mincey contact the property owner and request the irrigation system be removed or abandoned.

**FIFTH ON THE AGENDA**

**New Business:** *Tree Spraying along Power Lines (John Thomas)*

Mr. Thomas asked if anything could be done about the utility companies spraying the areas under their utility easements. He went on to say that the result of the spraying created an eye sore along the roadways of the county.

Mr. Mincey stated there was very little the County could do other than ask those utilities to consider another method such as mowing in order to keep their right of ways clear.

**New Business:** *Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – Courthouse*

Chief Pate stated that an AED had become available and he requested the Board allow it to be installed in the courthouse. He went on to say that the unit would need batteries and pads at a cost of approximately \$300.00.

Mr. Chapman asked who would be trained to use the device. Mr. Pate responded that any individual could safely operate the device with no training. The device gave verbal instruction when in use.

Mr. Braswell made a motion to allow the installation of the device. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:** *County Shop – Relocation Discussion*

Mr. Thomas was concerned about spending money to rewire the County Shop after he recently inspected the building in order to bring the wiring up to code. He went on to say that the building was in poor condition and it may make sense to replace the shop rather than patch all the items that were in disrepair.

Mr. Kelly stated that the County should consider relocating the shop and stock pile area as the Recreation Department could use that property for its continued growth.

Mr. Chapman suggested a comprehensive plan be created to determine the viability of relocating building and the associated equipment.

Mr. Kelly stated he would begin that process and update the Board periodically.

**New Business:** *Board of Health – Board Appointment*

Mr. Mincey requested Mr. Chapman to consider serving on the Board of Health or appoint a member from the Board of Commissioners to serve on his behalf. He went on to say that Mr. Blasingame has been serving on the Board for a number of years.

Mr. Blasingame stated he would be willing to continue to serve should the Chairman decide to appoint him to the Board position.

Mr. Chapman appointed Mr. Blasingame to serve on the Board of Health.

**SIXTH 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 5-0. Board enters at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Spillers made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Board exits at 7:27 p.m.

**SEVENTH ON THE AGENDA**

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 3 November 2015 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 7:28 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

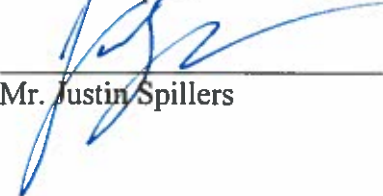
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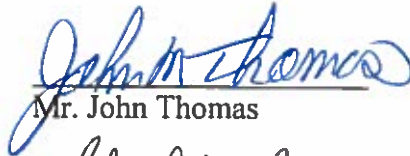
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Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman



Mr. Justin Spillers



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Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest – County Manager

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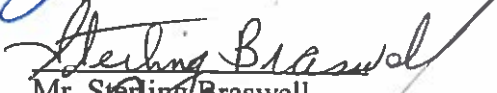
#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

  
Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman

  
Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman

  
Mr. Justin Spillers

  
Mr. John Thomas

  
Mr. Sterling Braswell

  
Attest – County Manager