

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 02 FEBRUARY 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. Sterling Braswell, Mr. Justin Spillers, and Mr. John Thomas.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. JOHN THOMAS

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked to approve the agenda. Mr. Braswell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 19 January 2016*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 19 January 2016. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: *The Called Meeting of 26 January 2016*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting of 26 January 2016. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Appearances: *Joe Salter – Stagecoach Lane*

Mr. Salter requested the Board consider paving Stagecoach Lane. He stated that the property owners had dedicated right of way to the County in recent years. He went on to say that he knew paving projects were expensive but asked that the Board add it to its list of roads under consideration for road improvements.

Mr. Chapman thanked Mr. Salter for his comments.

Appearances: *Patti Temple – Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Expo*

Ms. Temple invited the Board Members to the Roberta-Crawford Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. She went on to say that the event is scheduled for the evening of Monday, February 15, 2016.

The Board thanked her for the invitation.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *Comprehensive Plan – Steering Committee Schedule*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board select a date for the Steering Committee to meet in order to develop the Comprehensive Plan for the County. He went on to say the Committee will need to meet once a month for an anticipated 10 months in order to complete the plan.

After some discussion the Board opted to meet on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. That meeting would be held in the Coverdale Room located at the Courthouse.

Old Business: *Wright Avenue Property – Lease*

At its last regularly scheduled meeting of the BOC Mr. Wray (Executive Director, Think on These Ministries International) requested the Board consider renting or leasing a County owned building located on Wright Avenue.

Mr. Mincey stated he would need to research the legal aspects of a County leasing space to a private enterprise.

At that meeting Mr. Chapman requested the Board table the issue until the next regularly scheduled meeting and allow the County Attorney time to determine what the County could do with the building.

Mr. Mincey was unavailable for the regularly scheduled meeting but did provide the Board with the following options in regards to the property:

First, the county could lease the building to the tenant for a period not to exceed the shortest remaining term of any sitting commissioner. Presently that carries you through 2016. At the end of that period the lease would have to be renewed and could carry you through 2018. So on and so forth.

Second, the county could sell the building to the Dev Authority for a nominal fee and the Dev Authority could then do with the property as it sees fit.

Third, the County could enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Development Authority whereby the Dev Authority would act as landlord and lease to whomever.

The main issue to consider is the maintenance. If something breaks or leaks, who is responsible for repairs? Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that it could declare the property surplus and sell it to the highest bidder.

There was much discussion on how best to proceed. Mr. Spillers made a motion to surplus the property. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-2. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Chapman voted against.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *Indigent Defense Agreement – Mr. Rick Waller (Circuit Public Defender)*

Mr. Waller requested the Board enter into the “Indigent Defense Agreement Among the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit and the Governing Authorities of Macon-Bibb, Peach and Crawford Counties”. He went on to say that the respective pro rata shares are: 81% Macon-Bibb County, Peach County 12%, and Crawford County 7%.

Mr. Braswell made a motion to enter into the one year agreement. Mr. Spillers seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *Debris Removal – Various County Bridges*

Mr. Kelly presented a quote of \$24,000.00 to remove debris that is piled up against various bridges due to the recent flooding. He went on to say that the damage had been submitted to FEMA for funding should the State declare a disaster due to the recent flooding. He went on to say that the County would need to remove the debris regardless of the funding source.

The Board thanked Mr. Kelly for the update.

New Business: *Board Appointment – Board of Elections*

Mr. Kelly stated the Board would need to nominate a successor for the Board of Election position presently held by Mr. Frank Holmes. That term expired on June 30, 2015.

Mr. Blasingame made a motion to reappoint Mr. Frank Holmes to a four (4) year term expiring on June 30, 2019. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn:


There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 02 February 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 6:51 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

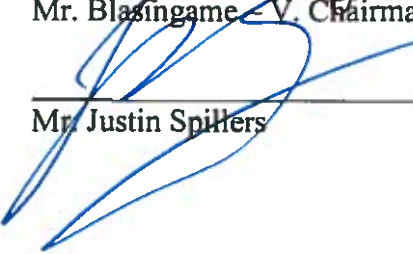
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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman

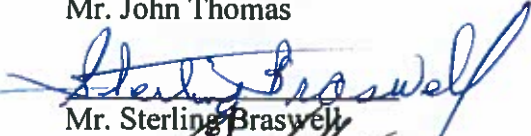


Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman

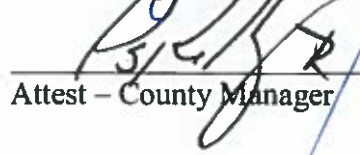


Mr. Justin Spillers

Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest – County Manager