

**THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2016 (3:00 P.M.)**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:04 P.M.**

The following members were present: Mr. Paul Chapman (Chairman), Mr. Bobby Blasingame (Vice-Chairman), and Mr. Sterling Braswell.

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. STERLING BRASWELL**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Chapman asked that "*Clean and Beautiful – Proposed Meeting*" and "*Equipment Damage – Policy*" be added under "*New Business*". Mr. Blasingame made the 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 16 August 2016***

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 16 August 2016. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes: *Called Meeting of 25 August 2016 (8:30 a.m.)***

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting of 25 August 2016. Mr. Braswell made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes: *Called Meeting of 25 August 2016 (4:00 p.m.)***

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting of 25 August 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: *Bid Opening – C057A – 28 (341 South)***

Mr. Kelly stated he had received one (1) bid for the property located on 341 South that had recently been declared surplus.

Mr. Chapman stated that Mr. William T. Golphill had made a bid in the amount of \$50.00. for the surplus property.

Mr. Braswell made a motion to approve the bid amount. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

### **THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

#### **Appearances:** *Kimberly Lowe (Regional Commission) – PlanFirst Application*

Ms. Lowe explained that the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) PlanFirst Program rewards local governments that clearly demonstrate success with implementing their local comprehensive plan. As part of the application process DCA (Department of Community Affairs) would like to conduct an "on-site" visit to review and assess the progress in the implementation of the County's Local Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Lowe presented a proposed outline of the various items the County has been working on that would be made available for review to DCA during this visit. She went on to say that this visit is scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. and is limited to two (2) hours.

The Board thanked her for the update.

### **FOURTH ON THE AGENDA**

#### **Old Business:** *LMIG – FY 2017*

Mr. Chapman requested the Board table the LMIG discussion until such time that the full Board would be available to discuss the proposed road improvement projects for FY 2017.

The Board had no objections.

#### **Old Business:** *Development Authority – Land Acquisition*

Mr. Chapman stated that prior to taking action on the Development Authority's request to have the County assist in the acquisition of property for a proposed new industrial park; Mr. Spillers had requested that the following questions be read into the minutes:

1. Why the cost of the property. I understand paying a higher price but this is twice the price as the county's appraisal. Was this price negotiated between the appraisal for industrial and the agricultural?
2. What about sewer. If septic tank how many people can this service and how much property will this take up. How is this funded? If grants, has someone verified that grants are available.

3. What about water? I have heard that fort valley and Roberta are not willing to allow the development authority to tie into their existing water system. How is this funded? If grants, has someone verified that grants are available.
4. What about soil analysis? Has anyone checked for contaminants or other possible issues? Does the soil have the bearing capacity for a large building?
5. Has there been any type of site plan completed to have an idea of how many businesses and what sizes the property can accommodate? I understand some assumptions would be made and this could always change but this would be a starting point.
6. What about infrastructure? Who pays for this? If grants have anyone have any documentation showing the possibilities.
7. How many acres will the county get for possible development?
8. If the railroad spur was added how much would this cost and where does the money come from
9. If the county agrees to save CUVA taxes, the county will lose money. This is not a major issue since the county will never see this money since the owner has already stated that he would wait to sale the property until after his tax editions were over. The only thing good about going ahead would be that the development authority could start marketing our county.
10. Liability of the county has always been a concern and I have talked with several lawyers about this and I have been assured that the county has no legal liability. The only concern with this that I bring up is if the development authority cannot make its payments the county would have to bail them out, not legally, but because they are part of the county.
11. The property in question has a lease on the property, is the farmer going to give this up?

After stating all the above questions and concerns above I have several comments to make. The first being that I believe and hope the development authority will take the time to consider the issues that I have brought up today, get answers and re vote on the purchase of the property. I am not stating that this is a bad purchase or idea, I just want to make sure that this is the best thing for the county and that this property will help bring development to this area. After saying this I have to agree with the county supporting the development authority by agreeing to save the conservation taxes. Thank you so much for what the development authority does and I hope to see our county grow.

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to proceed with the purchase of the proposed industrial site. Mr. Blasingame asked that the issue be tabled until such time that the full Board would be available to vote on the matter.

There were no objections and the matter was tabled.

**Old Business: Tanglewood Drive – Intergovernmental Agreement**

Mr. Kelly stated that he was working on a requested agreement that would allow Peach and Crawford County to share in the expense of improving Tanglewood Drive. He went on to say he would have something for the Board to review at its next regularly schedule meeting.

## **FIFTH ON THE AGENDA**

### **New Business: *Proposed Fire Station – Musella***

Mr. Kelly stated that a county citizen had recently offered to donate a 0.83 acre parcel of property located in Musella for the construction of a new fire station. He requested the Board visit the proposed site to determine suitability.

### **New Business: *Budget Amendment – Sheriff Department***

Mr. Kelly stated the Sheriff's office had recently had its dispatch equipment destroyed by a lighting strike. He went on to say that an insurance claim had been filed but the equipment was replaced immediately after the lightning event. He further stated that the new equipment cost \$39,883.00.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the current budget for the Sheriff's department. He stated that the purchase of the equipment would not cause the department to become over budget and some of the equipment replacement cost would be offset by the insurance claim.

### **New Business: *Enclosed Trailer – Water Department***

Mr. Kelly stated that the Water Department had requested they be allowed to use a covered trailer currently in the Coroner's inventory. He went on to say that they wanted to have a "leak repair trailer" for water main breaks. They would be able to transport equipment, lighting, and supplies in one unit when the repair events occurred.

The Board had no objections as long as all department parties were in agreement.

### **New Business: *Clean and Beautiful – Proposed Meeting***

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider reviewing the charter that governs the Clean and Beautiful. He went on to say that the charter currently calls for 18 board members and as of this date his office was unaware of anyone that sat on that Board. He went on to say that he recommended that the Chairman of the Board (Paul Chapman), the Mayor of Roberta (Becky Smith), Director of the Center (Mrs. Joann Hamlin), Bookkeeper (Mrs. Cynde Dickey), County Attorney (David Mincey), and the County Manager (Pat Kelly) hold an informal meeting review the current charter.

Mr. Kelly recommended this meeting take place on Wednesday, 21 September 2016, at 4:00 pm at the conference room located at the Board of Commissioners offices.

The Board had no objections.

**New Business: *Equipment Damage – Policy***

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider adopting a policy outlining the process of identifying cause, fault, corrective actions, and discipline when the County’s heavy equipment is damaged. He stated that it was important that the Board was made aware when something is damaged and should have final authority on any disciplinary actions.

Mr. Kelly asked (with the aid of the Regional Commission) that he be allowed to create a rough draft of such a policy for their review.

Mr. Braswell made a motion to allow the County Manager to create a policy for further review by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

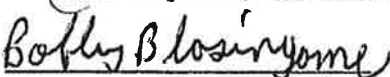
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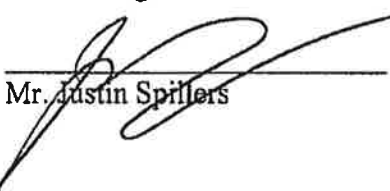
There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 06 September 2016 Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Braswell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 3-0 and the Board adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

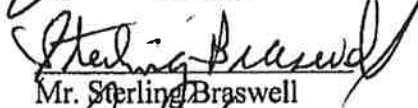
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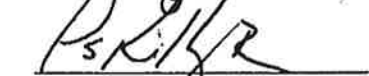
  
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