THE CALLED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

THE CALLED MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Mr. Paul Chapman (Vice Chairman), Mr. Frank Hollis, Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Bobby Blasingame.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. FRANK HOLLIS

Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kenny Colson (Georgia Department of Revenue) gave the Board and audience members the training presentation all tax assessors receive before they are certified. This training presentation outlines the various nuances associated with the Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) covenant.

Mr. Kelly gave a presentation (See Attachment) entitle “A Discussion of Real-Life Tax Revenue Impact on Rural Counties”. The presentation illustrated the actual reduction in revenues to the County due to property owners taking advantage of the lower tax rates associated with the FLPA/CUVA covenants.

There was a robust question and answer session at the completion of the presentations. There was a discussion as to what the County could do to reduce the impact of the covenants. One suggestion was to move parcels that qualify for FLPA from CUVA as the State would reimburse the County for tax reductions. Another was to seek help from our legislators to place a limit on the impact that CUVA has on the digest similar to the FLPA limitations.

Mr. Kelly (County Manager) stated the he supported the covenants and suggested that all the citizens that qualify should take advantage of the tax reduction. The issue was how the County balances the reduction in property taxes versus the cost of the services it was required to deliver.

Mr. Chapman thanked all the people that attended and hoped everyone had a better understanding of the issues.

Adjourn:

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the Called Meeting of 18 September 2014. Mr. Hollis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m.
THE 6:00 P.M. CALLED MEETING OF THE
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Absent
Mr. Dean Fripp - Chairman
Mr. Paul Chapman - Vice Chairman
Mr. Frank Hollis

Bobby Blasingame
Mr. Bobby Blasingame

John Thomas
Mr. John Thomas

Pat Kelly - Attest