THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014

THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 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. BOBBY BLASINGAME

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hollis made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Chapman asked that the approval of the minutes from 3 June 2014 be tabled. He went on to say that there were only three Board members present at that meeting and all three would need to vote to approve those minutes. Since Mr. Fripp was one of those members and was currently unavailable it would be necessary to table the issue until he returns.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Public Hearing: Abandonment – Tribble Road

The Board of Commissioners is requesting that a portion of Tribble Road be abandoned from Zenith Mill Road to Cummings Lane.

Mr. Kelly stated that the surrounding property owners had been notified of the public hearing and the required advertising had been placed in the Georgia Post. He went on to say that Mr. Pearson (adjoins property owner) had sent a letter to Planning and Zoning in support of abandoning the road.

Mr. Chapman asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to be heard. There was not.
Mr. Chapman asked for a motion on the proposed abandonment. Mr. Hollis made the motion to approve the request and abandon the road. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: LMIG 2015 – Roads Project List

Mr. Kelly presented the Board (see attachment #1) with the roads project list consisting of 19 various road projects. He stated the list would need to be scaled back as there was limited funding ($369,00.00) and the projects estimated cost ($1,203,092.00) far exceed that funding amount.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a scaled down version of the original list (see attachment #2) for consideration. He stated the projects identified on that list were roads that the County Engineer and Road Superintendent had identified as most critical while staying within the budget constraints.

There was much discussion about how to proceed. Mr. Chapman requested that the Board Members fill out the LMIG Resurfacing Rating sheet to help score the roads in their respective districts.

Mr. Kelly stated it would be necessary to have a final roads project list ready for submission to the DOT by end of July 2014 in order to receive the grant monies in a timely manner.

The Board tabled the issue until its next regularly scheduled meeting.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: Equipment Purchase – Motor grader

Mr. Kelly requested the Board table the issue as he had not received all the requested quotes.

New Business: Equipment Purchase – Scag Mower

Mr. Kelly stated the grounds crew was in need of an additional mower due to the mowing requirements of the ball fields. He presented the Board with two quotes as follows:

SCAG MOWER
TURF TIGER 35HP VANGARD

ADVANCED POWER EQUIPMENT MACON $10,385.00
KENNY'S REPAIR SERVICE MACON $9,743.00
After some discussion Mr. Thomas made the motion to purchase the mower at the lower quoted amount. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business: Medical Insurance Renewal**

Mr. Kelly stated the County’s medical insurance for its employees was up for renewal. He presented the Board with 15 different options (see attachment #3) spread across five (5) providers. He went on to say that the premiums had increased based upon the plan from 25.27% to as much as 262.8%.

There was a long discussion on the various nuances associated with each renewal option and how best to proceed.

Mr. Kelly recommended the Board select Plan #3 offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. He stated that the plan’s premium has in increase of 25.27% with an increase in the deductibles of both the individual and the family plans.

Mr. Kelly stated that the increase in the premiums amounted to $130,000.00 additional dollars over what the county paid last year. He reminded the Board that the employees paid for 23% of that amount leaving the County with an additional expense for FY 15 of $100,000.00

Mr. Thomas made the motion to renew the medical plan with option #3 with the 25.27% increase in premium. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business: Health Department Building Repairs**

Mr. Kelly stated the Health Department building was in need a variety of repairs. He stated that he had received a preliminary quote of just under $20,000.00 for all the requested repairs, of which $3,150.00 would be needed for roof repairs, as it had several leaks. He went on to say that the Board may wish to consider repairing the roof immediately and putting the additional repairs on hold until the FY 2015 budget.

Mr. Chapman suggested the County Manager ask for additional quotes to repair the roof. He went on to suggest the County request quotes to replace the roof rather than spend money on a temporary repair. He requested the County Manager determine if the roof could be temporarily patched until such time bids could be requested to re-roof the building.

Mr. Chapman recognized Ms. Johnson (Citizen) who suggested the damage may have been caused to high winds and perhaps the County’s insurance could aid in the cost of repairs.

Mr. Chapman requested the County Manager to investigate the possibility of an insurance claim.

Ms. Simms (Health Department) stated that someone had written graffiti on various walls inside the building and asked the County could cover up those markings immediately. She went on to say that the roof needed to be fixed but the rest of the repairs could wait until the FY 2015 budget was finalized.
Mr. Kelly stated he would have someone paint over the markings on the walls as soon as possible and he would gather quotes for the repair and for re-roofing the building.

**New Business:** New Checking Accounts – Signature Cards

Mr. Kelly stated the County needed to open additional checking accounts in anticipation of the 2015 SPLOST revenues. He requested the Board sign the associated signature cards for those accounts.

**New Business:** Transit Funding

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation in regards to the future funding of the Transit System. According to Mr. Anthony Foxx (USDOT Secretary) the fund that pays the Federal portion of the Transit grant may face insolvency as soon as August. The correspondence goes on to say “While we will take every step possible to continue to fully reimburse your State for as long as possible, these measures will effectively require us to delay reimbursements that are owed to your agency and the transit agencies in your State”.

Mr. Kelly stated the County relies on the Federal portion in the amount of $66,500.00 per year. He went on to say that the County would have to cover those expenses should the monthly payments be delayed.

Mr. Kelly recommended to the Board the County continue to operate the Transit system but not enter into the annual contract until such time that the Federal shortfall is resolved.

**New Business:** Ozone Advance Program

Mr. Kelly stated the Middle Georgia Regional Commission has requested the County to appoint a community representative to the Middle Georgia Air Quality Advisory Committee which will be part of the EPA’s Ozone Advance Program.

The Ozone Advance Program is critical to Middle Georgia because it puts us in a position of priority for EPA grants, which in turn will help our region to continue to improve its air quality, which in turn helps protect Robins Air Force Base from future BRACs.

Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Giles Ragsdale would be willing to serve the County in that capacity should the Board so desire.

Mr. Hollis made a motion to appoint Mr. Ragsdale. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** CDBG Water Extension – Contract Award
Mr. Kelly stated the bids for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to extend water lines along Carl Sutton Road had been opened with the following results.

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<td>Lakey Enterprises, Inc.</td>
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<td>Jerry McMillan, LLC</td>
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<td>Crawford Grading &amp; Pipeline, Inc.</td>
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<td>J.G. Leone Enterprises, Inc.</td>
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<td>Griffin Utility Construction, LLC</td>
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<td>LaClay Construction, Inc.</td>
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The apparent low bidder was Griffin Utility Construction, LLC with a bid in the amount of $379,579.39. He went on to say Hofstadter & Associates (Consulting Engineers) recommends the County award the contract to Griffin Utility Construction, LLC.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to award the contract to Griffin Utility Construction, LLC. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** Request for Proposal – Water Storage Elevated Tanks

Mr. Kelly notified the Board he had requested the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to assist in the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit bids for a long term maintenance contract for the County’s four (4) elevated storage tanks.

The Board did not object.

**FIFTH ON THE AGENDA**

**Executive Session:** Pending Litigation – Southern Rivers Energy/Milton Moore

Mr. Hollis made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board enters at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board exits at 8:08 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 17 June 2014 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hollis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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ABSENT
Mr. Dean Fripp - Chairman

Mr. Paul Chapman - Vice Chairman

Mr. Frank Hollis

Mr. Bobby Blasingame

Mr. John Thomas

Attest - County Manager
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  

AFFIDAVIT: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS  

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, Paul Chapman, who in his capacity as chairman or the person presiding over a meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on June 14, the Board of Commissioners voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matters within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

( ) Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a government officer. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)].

X Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceeding or settlements. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2]

( ) Discussing the future acquisition of real estate. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)].

( ) Staff meetings for investigative purpose under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(1)].

( ) Tax Matters made confidential by state law. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2].

( ) Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the Agency. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1 (a) (2)].

( ) Meeting with governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the County add which no final action is taken. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1 (a) (2)]

This 17th day of June 2014.

[Signature]  
Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June 2014.

[Signature]  
Notary Public