THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2014

THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.

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

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. FRANK HOLLIS

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Fripp asked for a motion to amend the agenda. He asked that “Supplement Pay – Superior Court Judges” be added under “New Business”. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Fripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 15 April 2014. Mr. Hollis made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 5-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Appearances: Ms. Ages – Salary and Travel Pay Increase

Ms. Ages requested the Board increase her supplement pay. Ms. Ages has taken over the duties of the Juvenile Court Officer do to a motorcycle accident suffered by Ms. Kennedy that resulted in her death. She has requested the Board increase her supplement pay to the same level as Ms. Kennedy and that she be paid retroactively from the date of Ms. Kennedy’s accident.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was unable to find any agreement or understanding as to supplement pay amounts and how those amounts were determined. He went on to say that while Ms. Ages was a full time employee of Peach County she was also receiving a W-2 from Crawford County for any supplement pay. He further stated he was concerned as to liability that may be associated with workerman’s compensation and unemployment benefits. He added that it may be wiser to pay
Peach County a reimbursement for those services based on a written agreement between the two counties. Peach County could then pay Ms. Ages as their personnel policies dictated.

After further discussion the Board instructed the County Attorney and County Manager to study the issue and provide guidance at a later date.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to table the issue until the matter had been investigated. Mr. Chapman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

**Old Business:** Road Restriping List

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a list of roads for restriping consideration as follows:

- Old Knoxville Road from 42s to Causey
- Andrews Road from 42s to Old Knoxville
- Avera Road from 341s to Zenith Mill

approx. 3.00 miles  
approx. .50 miles  
approx. .75 mile

He stated he would have the projects quoted and asked how the Board would like to proceed.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to proceed with the projects. Mr. Chapman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:** Billy White Road

Mr. Fripp stated he would like the Board to reconsider the paving project for Billy White Road. He stated he was concerned the road would quickly fall into disrepair due to the amount of potential logging activity in the area. He requested the Board consider rocking the road.

Mr. Hollis stated that the project had been agreed upon, put out to bid, and awarded last year. He stated that the project needed to proceed as planned.

Mr. Blasingame agreed and stated the project needs to go forward as planned.

There were many residents in attendance from the surrounding area that echoed the sentiments of Mr. Blasingame. They discussed the various issues they have experienced such as damage to vehicles and impassable road beds during inclement weather events.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to proceed with the project as planned and pave the road. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion passed 3-2. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Fripp voted no.
Old Business: CCLDR – Board of Zoning Appeals

At the prior meeting of the BOC, Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider amending the Crawford County Land Development Regulations. He went on to say the joint Roberta/Crawford County Board of Zoning Appeals met to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination by the Zoning Administrator, or other administrative official, in enforcement of the Land Development Regulations. The Board of Zoning Appeals also authorizes upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the CCLDR as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provision will result in unnecessary hardship.

Mr. Kelly stated the Board of Zoning Appeals had not met in over two (2) years. He requested the Board consider allowing the joint Roberta/Crawford Planning and Zoning Board be responsible for those duties and powers and dissolve the Joint Board of Appeals.

Mr. Mincey updated the Board and advised them that they had the authority to dissolve the Board of Appeals and transfer those responsibilities and duties to the Joint Planning and Zoning Board. He went on to say the process and procedures outlined in the CCLDR for amending the resolution would need to be followed.

Mr. Chapman made the motion to proceed with amending the ordinance. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Community Center Building

Mr. Mincey stated that the ownership of the Community Center Building had yet to be determined. He went on to say that the records were incomplete and as such more research would be required. He advised the Board that he would keep them updated.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: LMIG 2015 Road List

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board members to provide his office with the roads in their respective districts that they would like to include in the 2015 LMIG discussion. He went on to say once the list was completed he would provide estimates on each project. The Board could then discuss which projects to include on the 2015 grant cycle.

New Business: Water Towers – Maintenance

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the water tower on Hwy 42 S was in need of some major maintenance. He went on to say that the elevated water storage tank would need to be drained and the interior repainted. The paint that was initially installed was defective and as such would need to be replaced. He further stated that the warranty period had passed after 12 months and
did not know if the County had any recourse against the manufacturer. The estimated cost for the repairs was $75,000.00.

Mr. Chapman asked how the County would pay for the expenditure. Mr. Kelly stated the water enterprise had a maintenance fund that it contributed into each month. There was currently in excess of $120,000.00 in that account.

Mr. Kelly also recommended the Board consider entering into an extended maintenance agreement with an outside provider. He went on to say he would meet with some of those providers and invite them to attend a meeting and discuss the various options and advantages of a maintenance program.

**New Business:** HB 752 – County Surveyor

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that HB 752 had been passed by the General Assembly. This House Bill abolished the office of elected county surveyor. He went on to say it would be necessary for the Board to appoint a county surveyor at its first meeting of each year.

**New Business:** Abandon Portion of Tribble Road

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider allowing the County to begin the process of abandonment of a portion of Tribble Road. He went on to say that the County had recently completed a road project on Tribble that consisted of widening, grading, draining, and rockin g a large portion of the road. That project exits out Cummings lane rather than the north end of Tribble Road.

The north end of Tribble cuts through a pecan orchard. Both sides of the road are owned by the same individual who has expressed a desire for the road to be closed and abandoned.

After some discussion Mr. Thomas made the motion to begin the process to formally abandon the road. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion passed 4-1. Mr. Chapman voted against.

**New Business:** Myrick Road – Pipe Installations

Mr. Blasingame had requested the County install culvert pipes for two residents on Myrick Road. He stated the residents would purchase the culvert pipes.

Mr. Mincey stated that it would not be appropriate for the County to do the installations. He went on to say if the road way needs to be improved because of drainage issues the proper course of action is to acquire right of way, widen, drain, and grade the roadway. The improvement project would include replacement of pipe; otherwise it was the responsibility of the land owner.

Mr. Chapman made a motion to allow the County to seek right of way deeds from the property owners. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
**New Business:** Series 2014 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the County was working towards issuing bonds to refinance and payoff the USDA 2009 Bond. The USDA requires a 30 days’ notice in advance of prepayment. To facilitate this requirement it would be necessary to send a “conditional” prepayment notice to the USDA.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a “Notice of Prepayment to the Holder of the Water Revenue Bond, Series 2007”.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the conditional prepayment notice to the USDA. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**New Business:** Resignation – EMA Director

Mr. Jake Watson (EMA Director) submitted his notice of resignation effective 30 June 2014 to the Board of Commissioners. He stated, as a volunteer position, the responsibilities place upon the EMA Director’s position had become too cumbersome to handle while maintaining full time employment. He went on to say he would be available to help in the transition process once a replacement was found.

The Board thanked Mr. Watson for his dedication and the time he spent as the EMA Director.

**New Business:** Supplement Pay – Superior Court Judges

Mr. Mincey stated that the Superior Court Judges pay is supplemented at the County level. For many number of years Crawford has been supplementing the pay of some judges at a rate of $1500.00 annual while others were receiving $1620.06 annual. Mr. Mincey stated that the Judges should all be making the same amount.

There was a discussion as to why the discrepancy occurred and what was the remedy.

Mr. Kelly stated the pay amounts have been in place since he became the County Manager.

Mr. Mincey stated he had found a legislative act that dated back to 1989 setting the pay at $1000.00 annual. He stated the increases above that amount should have been approved by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners. He stated that those records would need to be researched to determine when and why. He went on to say the remedy was to pass a motion setting the pay amount of all the Judges at $1620.06 annual.

After further discussion Mr. Chapman made the motion to adjust the supplement pay for all the Superior Court Judges to $1620.06 annual. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

Executive Session: Pending Litigation – Southern Rivers Energy

Mr. Chapman made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Board enters at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Chapman made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Board exits at 8:27 p.m.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Fripp asked for a motion to adjourn the 6 May 2014 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Chapman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried 5-0 and the Board adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Dean Frap - 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 RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, [Dean F. L. P. D.], 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 6 May 2014, 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 [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)].

( ) 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 6th day of May 2014.

[Signature]
Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of May 2014.

[Signature]
Notary Public

[Notary Seal]