

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.**

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. STERLING BRASWELL

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that "Waste Disposal – Curbside Service" under "New Business" be removed from the agenda. He further requested that "Final Budget Adjustments – FY 2014 Financial Statement" be added under "New Business". Mr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *03 March 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 03 March 2015. Mr. Braswell made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Public Hearing: *Proposed Water Line Extension – CDBG 2015*

Mr. Cam Yearty (Middle Georgia Regional Commission) stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to explain the proposed CDBG project and to address any questions or comments about the proposed project. He went on to say that the project was a water system extension with fire hydrants along Jordan Road and Twin Walks. The grant request is in the amount of \$500,000.00 with the County matching an additional \$60,000.00 in leverage in order to make the application more competitive. Mr. Yearty went on to say the project area meets the threshold for low to moderate income persons encompassing 56 households.

Mr. Yearty stated the application needs to be submitted by 1 April 2015 and if successful the award would come in September 2015.

Mr. Yearty asked for any questions or comments. There were none. He thanked the Board for their time.

Public Hearing: *Engineering Selection – CDBG FY 2015*

Mr. Yearty stated two engineering firms had responded to the request for proposal (RFP) to provide engineering services for the proposed CDBG project. Richardson, Garretson & Associates, LLC., and Hofstadter & Associates. Both firms are from Macon.

Mr. Kelly stated that Hofstadter & Associates is the engineering firm that is overseeing the Carl Sutton water extension and that the County has worked with them many times in the past.

After some discussion Mr. Blasingame made a motion to retain Hofstadter & Associates as the engineering firm should the grant application be awarded to the County. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Appearances: *Ms. Sherry Little – Property Taxes*

Ms. Little requested the Board refund her for overpaid property taxes. Ms. Little had been paying property taxes on a well that did not exist. The Tax commissioner has refunded that overpayment going back three (3) years. Ms. Little requested the BOC consider refunding the overpayments that date back to 2002.

Mr. Mincey stated that the Tax Commissioner was allowed to refund overpayments for up to three (3) years. He went on to say that the property owner had a duty to review the property tax assessment annually to insure its accuracy.

Mr. Braswell stated he had served on the Board of Assessors and that three (3) years is as far back as the County could refund overpayment of property taxes.

Ms. Little stated she understood and thanked the Board for their time.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *Tractor/Side Arm – Lease*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that they had tabled the issue on a lease/purchase of a John Deere cab tractor with a side arm mower. He went on to say the County could enter into a lease agreement for five (5) years in order to finance the \$105,064.35 necessary to purchase the new machine. Payments would not begin until march of 2016 with an estimated annual payment of \$22,225.00.

After some discussion Mr. Braswell made a motion to enter into the lease agreement. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *Senior Center – Remove and Replace Carpet (Luxury Vinyl Tile)*

Mr. Kelly stated the carpet in the Senior Center would need to be replaced. He went on to say that he had asked for quotes from various flooring providers for replacing the existing carpet with a commercial vinyl tile. Those quotes ranged from \$5725 - \$10,000 plus.

He asked the Board to consider whether this was an issue they wished to address during this fiscal year or wait and budget for it in the next fiscal year.

The Board thanked Mr. Kelly for the update.

New Business: *County Equipment Maintenance Building – Electrical Service*

Mr. Kelly stated that the wiring in the County shop was old and outdated and would require a complete rewire. He went on to say that he had received an estimate in the amount of \$9,000.00. He stated that the issue would need to be addressed and the Board would need to consider if they wished to proceed this fiscal year or postpone the upgrade until the 2016 fiscal year.

The Board thanked Mr. Kelly for the update.

New Business: *EMA – Emergency Generators*

Mr. Rick Sharon (EMA Director) updated the Board on the acquisition of two (2) military surplus electric generators. He stated that in the event of an emergency the generators would be able to power both the City of Roberta and the County's water systems. He stated that the value of both generators was in excess of \$196,000 and the County had paid \$100.00 for the pair.

Mr. Sharon stated the County would need to make some modifications to the generators. They would also need to be painted and a storage building would need to be purchased. He estimated the total cost at \$10,000.00 but he felt the County would qualify for a grant that would pay for 75% of those costs.

The Board thanked Mr. Sharon for the update.

New Business: *Indigent Defense Agreement – 2015 Contract*

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the "Indigent Defense Agreement" between Bibb, Peach, and Crawford Counties. Per this agreement Crawford County will be responsible for 7% (\$176,431.30) of the total annual budget.

Mr. Blasingame made the motion to enter into the agreement. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

New Business: Final Budget Adjustments – FY 2014 Financial Statement

Mr. Kelly requested the Board make a motion to amend the various departments' budgets by the adjustment amounts as follows:

**Crawford County, Georgia
30-Sep-14**

Fund	Department	Adjusted Budget	Adjustment	Final Budget
General Fund	County Administrator	33,600	8,228	41,828
	County Commission	970,728	40,450	1,011,178
	Grounds Maintenance	224,875	21,800	246,675
	Magistrate Court	134,318	10,104	144,422
	Probate Court	117,532	197	117,729
	Roads	866,279	48,219	914,498
	Shop	274,501	89,793	364,294
	Waste Disposal	88,150	3,547	91,697
	Health and Welfare	47,500	1,183	48,683
	Libraries	24,943	2,118	27,061
	Forest Resources	16,699	4,175	20,874
	Conservation	22,516	998	23,514
Drug Education	Health and Welfare	1,099	185	1,284
Transit System	Health and Welfare	87,511	4,652	92,163
	Capital outlay	0	115,075	115,075

He went on to say that the amendments were necessary in order to complete the 2014 Financial Statement. Mr. Kelly stated that the FY 2014 year-end General Fund balance grew from \$862,969 to 1,340,765 which is a net change of \$477,796.

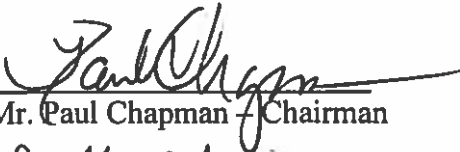
Mr. Braswell made the motion to amend the budgets as described above. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

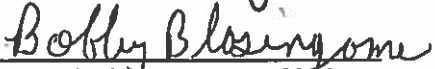
Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 17 March 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Blasingame made the motion, seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 3-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

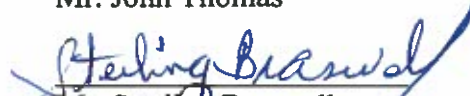
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Mr. Paul Chapman - Chairman


Mr. Blasingame - V. Chairman

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Open Seat

ABSENT
Mr. John Thomas


Mr. Sterling Braswell


Attest - County Manager