

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 6 JANUARY 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DAVID MINCEY (County Attorney) AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

Mr. Mincey welcomed Mr. Sterling Braswell to the Board. He requested the members of the Board to make a nomination for the Chairman position.

Mr. John Thomas made a motion to nominate Mr. Paul Chapman as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Chapman thanked the Board members for their vote of confidence. Mr. Chapman asked the members if there was a motion for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to nominate Mr. Bobby Blasingame. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. STERLING BRASWELL

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman requested the agenda be amended. He asked that "Recreation – Budget Amendment" and "Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council Appointments" be added under "New Business". Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 16 December 2014. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0. (Mr. Braswell could not vote as he was a new member and not present at that meeting).

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: Huckleberry Lane

Mr. Chapman requested the item be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners. There were no objections.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

New Business: Board Appointments – Development Authority

Mr. Kelly stated there were two (2) vacant seats on the Development Authority Board. He went on to say that Mr. Giles Ragsdale (current member) had requested to be considered for reappointment to the Board. Mr. Thomas made the motion to reappoint Mr. Ragsdale. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Chapman suggested the Board consider any prior applications to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Kelly stated he would search for those files and update the Board at a later date.

New Business: Board of Assessors – Michael Sama

Mr. Sama (Chairman – Board of Assessors) requested the Board consider increasing the amount of compensation to the Tax Assessors board members when they have to travel for training. He stated that the current rate of \$50.00 dollars per day was too low and requested the amount be increased to \$100.00 per day.

After much discussion the Board opted to table the issue.

New Business: Board Appointments – Recreation

Mr. Doug Kelly (Recreation Director) advised the Board that there were two (2) vacancies on the Recreation Board. He stated Mr. Todd Youngblood and Mr. Troy Hodges had applied to fill those vacancies and that they would make great additions to the Rec Board.

After some discussion Mr. Thomas made the motion to appoint both candidates for three year terms. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Recreation – Budget Amendment

Mr. Brandon Spillers (Recreation Board – Chairman) thanked the Board for their continued support of the recreation department. He explained to the Board that the Rec Department had seen a large increase in its sign-ups for the various sports being offered. He went on to say that due to the growth it would be necessary to make some capital improvements.

Mr. Doug Kelly (Recreation Director) requested the Board consider increasing the Rec Department's Budget by \$42,091.00 in order to renovate one ball field and build a new ball field. He went on to say that baseball and softball enrollment had increased to over 300 participants and the upgrades would be necessary to accommodate the continued growth in those programs as well as accommodate soccer and football playing fields.

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Mr. Frank Holmes (Citizen) was concerned the Rec Board was focusing on traditional sports (baseball, football, basketball) and may not be providing activities that would attract a broader group of people. He went on to say that the funding for the projects were not part of the budget and to pay for the upgrades out of general fund reserves would be a disservice to the tax payer.

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council Appointments

Mr. Kelly stated the County would need to appoint Council members for the MGRC. He stated that the current members were as follows:

Paul Chapman (County)
Becky Smith (Municipal)
Charlie Westberry (Non-Public)
Charles Cook (Associate)
Robert Ray (Associate)

Mr. Thomas made a motion to reappoint all the current members. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 6 January 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Thomas made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman

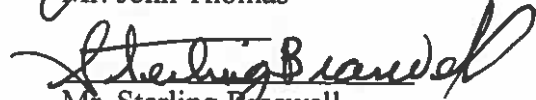


Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman

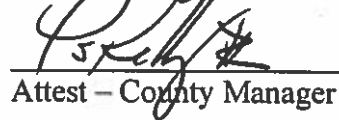
OPEN SEAT



Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell


Attest – County Manager