

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 07 JULY 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 P.M.**

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. BOBBY BLASINGAME

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that “*Defined Benefit Plan – Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Plan*” be removed from “*New Business*”. Mr. Braswell made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 16 June 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 16 June 2015. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Spillers arrives at meeting.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Public Hearing: *Cooley Farms, LLC – Variance*

Mr. Leighton Cooley requested the Board consider allowing a variance for a setback. The CCLDR requires a setback of not less than three hundred feet (300’) from the nearest property line when constructing a poultry house. Mr. Cooley requests the Board allow a variance to permit the construction of the poultry house to within one hundred forty three feet (143”) from the nearest property line.

Mr. Cooley stated that the topography of his parcel would not allow for the poultry houses to be positioned in such a manner as to adhere to the three hundred foot buffer requirement. As such he has requested the Board grant a variance.

There was much discussion. After some time Mr. Blasingame made a motion to table the request so that the BOC could seek legal advice. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Stephanie Dixon – Variance*

Ms. Dixon has requested the Board allow a variance for her property located at 51 Ann Drive. Section 6.1.3 of the CCLDR requires a minimum lot size of any lot served by a septic/drain field system shall be one and a half acres (1 ½).

Ms. Dixon stated the parcel had a home on it that had been torn down. It had a well and existing septic system. She went on to say that she wished to sell the parcel and the new owner wished to place a modular home if the variance is approved.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Appearances: *Dive Pridemore – Vision Atlanta (Camp Grace)*

A representative of Vision Atlanta requested the Board waive all or some part of the building permit fees for a newly constructed structure located on their grounds. He went on to say that Vision Atlanta was a nonprofit organization and as such raising money was a constant battle.

Mr. Sherlock (County Attorney) stated the Board could not waive any fees associated with permits. He stated such an act would be considered gratuitous and therefore illegal.

Mr. Thomas sympathized with the organization but stated his hands were tied when it came to this request. Mr. Thomas made the motion to deny the request. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *LMIG 2016 Grant Award*

Mr. Kelly stated that the GDOT had announced Crawford County's formula amount for the FY 2016 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program as \$298,003.64. He went on to say that the County would need to provide a 30% match (\$89,401.09) in order to receive the awarded amount.

Old Business: *Roads Discussion – LMIG 2016*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that they would need to provide a road improvement list for budget consideration by the end of the month for the LMIG 2016 projects. The proposed project list is described as follows:

LMIG 2016 List								
Project #	Road Name	Traffic Rating	Road Rating	Surface Type	LMIG PORTION Materials/contract	In Kind	Total Project Cost	Length
1	Marshall Mill	355	4	Asphalt	180,600	0	180,600	2.75
2	Dixon Road	160	4	DBL Surface	126,160	0	126,160	3.25
3	Rowell	105	4	WDG + Rock	267,833	0	267,833	2.25
4	Rowell	105	4	Triple Surface	139,600	0	139,600	2.25
5	Tanglewood	135	4	WDG + Rock	38,563	18,000	56,563	0.80
6	Olive Grove	205	3	Dbl Surface	32,200	0	32,200	1.00
7	Smith Road	30	4	WGD + Rock	6,248	3,000	9,248	0.25
8	Mule Creek	55	4	Rock	46,048	33,750	79,798	2.10
9	Jordan	225	4	Asphalt	34,831	0	34,831	1.40
10	Rowland	80	4	WDG + Rock	35,036	25,000	60,036	1.00
11	Rowland	0	4	WDG + Rock	12,556	45,000	66,548	0.50
12	Billy White to Colbert	40	4	WDG + Rock	45,077	33,750	78,827	1.00
13	Billy White to Colbert	40	4	Triple Surface	58,667	0	58,667	1.00
14	Childs	35	3	WDG + Rock	19,440	6,000	25,440	0.70
15	Childs	35	3	Triple Surface	41,067	0	41,067	0.70
16	Reeves	60	5	Spot Overlays	32,400	0	32,400	1.50
	Howard Road							
					LMIG PORTION Materials/contract	In Kind	Total Project Cost	
				FY 2016 Formula	\$298,004	\$89,401	\$387,405	

After some discussion Mr. Thomas made a motion to table the issue until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOC. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Poultry Production – Proposed Ordinance

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a proposed ordinance for poultry production as follows:

5.2.9 Table of Land Use Regulations for Residential Districts, Reference #4.

No Structure for an intensive animal or poultry operation and no stockpile of manure, lagoon, or other structure for the storage or disposal of agricultural waste shall be located within one thousand feet (1,000') of the nearest

residence owned by one other than the applicant or within three hundred feet (300') from the nearest property line. *No structure(s) used in connection with an intensive animal or poultry operation shall be located on a tract of less than fifty (50) acres. Structure(s) used in connection with an intensive animal or poultry operation shall not exceed fifty five thousand (55,000) square feet per fifty (50) acre parcel. Each square foot in excess of 55,000 square feet will require an additional nine (9) square feet of real estate.* The operation must be conducted in accordance with all applicable county, state and federal regulations such as, but not limited to, water quality, health and environmental standards. All animals (except those generally recognized as pets) shall be kept in a structure, corral, pen, or fenced area.

Mr. Kelly stated that he would have Planning and Zoning begin the amendment process if the Board was amicable to the proposed changes to the existing ordinance.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to proceed with the text amendment to the Crawford County Land Development Regulations. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: *CDBG 2013 Water Line Extension – Update*

Mr. Kelly stated that the County's request to use the remaining funds from the 2013 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) to extend water service to serve ten additional households had been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Old Business: *Dump Site – Boy Scout Road*

Mr. Kelly stated that the investigation by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the illegal dump site located on Boy Scout Road revealed that the dumped waste had been removed. Therefore, the complaint has been resolved, and it is being closed. The EPD sent notice that they would like to thank Crawford County for its cooperation in resolving the matter.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *Chief Pate – Fire Station Update*

Chief Pate gave an overview of the Crawford County water system and its fire stations. He stated that in order to lower the ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating for fire protection to homeowners that both water and a firehouse within five (5) road miles of the home are required.

Chief Pate displayed a map with the water lines and fire station locations. He went on to say that the next logical area to build a fire station was in the Lower Hartley Bridge or Jordan Road area.

The Board thanked Chief Pate for the update.

New Business: *Juvenile Court Agreement – Peach and Crawford County*

Mr. Kelly stated that it would be necessary to create an intergovernmental agreement between Peach and Crawford County that would describe how the two Counties would pay for Juvenile Court Services. He went on to say that the juvenile court for both Crawford and Peach was held

at the Peach County Courthouse and the bulk of the case load was for Peach County. However, the Crawford County case load made up approximately 30% of all the cases.

Mr. Kelly stated that he had met with Ms. Johnson (Peach County Manager) and that they had a basic framework in place. If the terms were amicable to the Peach and Crawford County Boards of Commissioners they would instruct the County Attorneys to create the agreement based on the following criteria:

Crawford County will make quarterly reimbursement payments to Peach County in an amount equal to 30% of the Juvenile Court operating expenses with the following stipulations:

- The Crawford County BOC must review and approve the Peach County Juvenile Court Budget annually.
- Each County will pay for their court reporting services directly. These amounts will not be included in the reimbursement request.
- Crawford County will reimburse mileage expense at the governmental rate for services on behalf of Crawford County pursuant to separate invoicing requesting such mileage reimbursement.
- Unless otherwise agreed, Crawford County will not reimburse for luxury items such as automobiles as determined by the Crawford County BOC.
- All reimbursement requests submitted by Peach County shall include an invoice with supporting documents for those expenses incurred during the applicable quarter.
- Peach County will pay all costs associated with bailiffs or operating costs for facility usage.
- Peach County will be the employer of the Juvenile Court Officer and Senior Deputy Officer and as such will be responsible for all benefits and insurance requirements associated with those positions.

After some discussion the Board requested that the County Manager move forward with the creation of the intergovernmental agreement.

New Business: *Hazard Mitigation Plan – EMA*

Mr. Rick Sharon (EMA Director) stated that the Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be coming up for review and update which must be approved by FEMA and GEMA by July 24th, 2018. He went on to say that the Hazard Mitigation Plan provides an overview of the County's assets and capabilities in responding to various types of threats and emergencies. It is a very extensive plan requiring approval at various state and government offices.

Mr. Sharon stated that the first step in the process is to request a grant to offset the expense in completing the plan. The estimated total cost is \$24,000.00 and the grant would fund 75% of that amount. The County's cost would be \$6,000.00.

Mr. Sharon requested the Board approve the funding (FY 2016) and allow the County to apply for the grant.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business: *County Website – Update*

Mr. Kelly stated that, with the assistance of the Regional Commission, the County's new web page should be operational within the next thirty (30) days. He went on to say that the Regional Commission would attend the next meeting to preview the site in order to receive feedback from the Board.

New Business: *Board of Assessors – Vacancy*

Mr. Kelly stated that Ms. Carla Hortman had resigned for the Crawford County Tax Assessors Board of Directors. The resignation was to take effect immediately.

Mr. Chapman requested the County Manager review the recent applications for the Board position and investigate the possibility of one of those applicants competing the term of Ms. Hortman.

Mr. Kelly stated he would contact those applicants and update the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Adjourn:

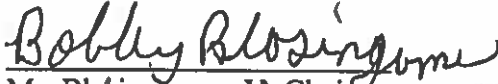
There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 07 July 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Thomas made the motion, seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 5-0 and the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman



Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman



Mr. Justin Spillers

Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest – County Manager