

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

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

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. BOBBY BLASINGAME**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that "Sidewalk Construction Project – Bid Results" be added under "Old Business" to the agenda. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**FIRST ON THE AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes:** *17 March 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 17 March 2015. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**SECOND ON THE AGENDA**

**Appearances:** *Judge Tilman Self*

Judge Self was not in attendance at this time. Mr. Chapman stated that if he arrived the board would recognize him at that time. (*see page six*)

**Appearances:** *Ms. Sue Ann Decker – DOT*

Ms. Decker advised the Board that the DOT would be closing a portion of Hwy 80 West to replace a triple barrel culvert with a bridge. She went on to say that the project would take up to six (6) months and would begin in two (2) months. The project would require the DOT to create a detour route using state roadways. In this instance traffic would be routed to Hwy 128 in order to bypass the construction.

Ms. Decker stated a formal public meeting would be scheduled in Roberta in the near future. This meeting would address issues associated with EMA, Fire, and school bus routes. It would also allow for the general public to provide input and any concerns about the project or the proposed detour route.

**Appearances:** *Ms. Stacy Ladson – Development Authority (Executive Director)*

Mr. Charlie Westberry (Development Authority) introduced Ms. Ladson to the Board of Commissioners as the new Executive Director of the Crawford County Development Authority.

Ms. Ladson stated to the Board that she was very pleased to have been offered the position. She went on to say she was a graduate of the Georgia Academy of Economic Development and previously worked with the city of Forsyth as part of their Downtown Development Authority.

She thanked the Board for their support and stated she would be seeing them again very soon.

**Appearances:** *Ms. Patti Temple – Chamber of Commerce*

Ms. Temple (Chamber of Commerce) requested the Board consider funding a portion of the cost associated with repairs needed at the Depot. She went on to say the decks and exterior of the building would need of sealing, staining, and painting.

Ms. Temple stated the estimates for the various repairs exceeded \$11,000.00. She went on to say that the Chamber had applied for various grants to help fund the repairs but was hoping the Board could get the project started by setting aside \$1,000.00 for the Chamber of Commerce.

After some discussion the Board opted to table the issue to allow the Board members to visit the Depot.

**Appearances:** *Advanced Disposal – Adam Cochran*

Adam Cochran (General Manager – Advanced Disposal) requested the Board consider extending its expiring five (5) year contract with a new five year contract that would begin 1 October 2015.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with an overview of the current term and the proposed new terms of the contract as follows:

### **CURRENT SERVICE CONTRACT SUMMARY**

The Current Contract calls for no more than a 3% CPI (consumer price index) Increase in years 3, 4, and 5.

Current Rate for final year (5) of curbside service contract is \$8.96.

However, Advanced Disposal has not applied the CPI increase for year five. The rate has been temporarily frozen at last year's rate of \$8.80/month/resident. As part of negotiations Advanced

Disposal has indicated they would not apply the CPI increase and hold price at \$8.80 for “year five” of current contract. That equates to a \$9,600 savings. If rate is adjusted per the CPI, Crawford County, as of 1 March 2015, has a liability of \$4,000.00.

Advanced Disposal Rents the County the trash compactor (crusher) located at the Transfer Station. Monthly charge is \$500.

Disposal Fees are as Follows:

\$120.00 trip fee per container

\$20.00/Ton per container

FY 2015 Budget for Waste Collection (curbside service)	\$546,474
FY 2015 Budget for Waste Disposal	\$ 60,124 (includes Crusher Rental)
<b>Total Budget FY 2015</b>	<b>\$606,598</b>

#### Proposed Renewal of Five Year Contract

Keep unadjusted “ year five” rate in original contract at \$8.80/month/resident (5000) for year one of renewed contract.

Rate equates to an estimated annual cost of \$528,000

Renewal Contract calls for no more than a 2% CPI Increase in years 2, 3, 4. No CPI increase in year five. If Maximum CPI in calculated the annual rates are as follows:

Year one	8.80/month/resident	\$528,000/year
Year Two	8.98/month/resident	\$538,560/year
Year Three	9.16/month/resident	\$549,576/year
Year Four	9.34/month/resident	\$560,400/year
Year Five	9.34/month/resident	\$560,400/year

Disposal Fees are as Follows:

\$120.00 trip fee per container

\$20.00/Ton per container

Second Crusher added at a rate of \$250.00/month. Waste Disposal budget would increase by \$3000/annual.

After additional discussion the Board opted to table the issue to provide time to study the proposal.

### **THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

#### **Old Business:** *CDBG 2013 – Project Update*

Mr. Kelly stated the 2013 CDBG water extension project on Carl Sutton Road had come in under budget. He went on to say there was enough money left to extend the project an additional 2000 feet and add up to eleven (11) more customers. He stated that the Regional Commission was submitting the required documents in order to seek approval to extend the project beyond its original scope and that he would keep the Board updated as to that request.

#### **Old Business:** *Sidewalk Construction Project – Bid Results*

Mr. Kelly stated the County had received two (2) bids on the proposed sidewalk project. Those bids are as follows:

<b>Concrete Replacement Specialist, Inc.</b>	<b>\$49,830.00</b>
<b>Upward Construction, LLC</b>	<b>\$79,700.00</b>

There was much discussion on how to proceed or if to proceed. Mr. Chapman asked if the Law Library fund could be used to pay for the project. Mr. Mincey (County Attorney) stated he would investigate the possibility of using those funds.

Mr. Braswell asked for motion to table the issue. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

### **FOURTH ON THE AGENDA**

#### **New Business:** *Appointment – Board of Assessors (2)*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that they would need to appoint two members to the Board of Assessors. The first appointment would complete the term of Mr. Braswell and would begin immediately and end on 4/30/16. The second appointment would be for a full term to begin 5/01/15 – 4/30/19.

Mr. Kelly stated he had received four (4) applications as follows:

*MR. TREY SEAGRAVES  
MS. CARLA HORTMAN  
MR. MICHEAL SAMA  
MR. CHARLES KING*

There was much discussion among the members of the Board.

Mr. Thomas made a motion for Ms. Carla Hortman to serve on the Board of Assessors for the full term of four years beginning 5/01/15. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Thomas made a motion for Mr. Trey Seagraves to complete the term vacated by Mr. Braswell and ending on 4/30/16. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business: Lease Proposal – Heavy Equipment**

Mr. Kelly requested the Board to consider entering into a five (5) year lease agreement in order to replace the County's 2009 Motor Grader and Front End Loader with new equipment. Mr. Kelly presented the Board with an overview of the agreement as follows:

**PROPOSED LEASE/PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

BUYBACK OF 2010 EQUIPMENT	\$187,500.00	
2010 EQUIPMENT BALLOON PAYOFF	\$157,300.00	
DOWN PAYMENT ON NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 30,200.00	
NEW 12M3 MOTORGRADER	\$230,122.00	
NEW 926M FRONT END LOADER	\$136,421.00	
TOTAL SALE PRICE	\$366,543.00	
DOWN PAYMENT	\$ -30,200.00	
LEASE AMOUNT	\$336,343.00	
BALLOON (Buy Back)	\$197,306.00	
FINANCED AMOUNT	\$139,037.00	
FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AT 2% INTEREST	\$ 29,244.00	ANNUAL

After much discussion Mr. Braswell made a motion to enter into the five year lease agreement in the amount of \$336,343.00. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Chapman voting no.

**New Business: Website Development Agreement – Regional Commission**

Mr. Kelly Introduced Mr. Nick Kouloungis from the Regional Commission. He went on to say that the County website was outdated and needed to be modernized. Mr. Kelly requested the Board enter into a website service agreement with the Regional Commission to develop and maintain a website for the County.

Mr. Kouloungis stated the Regional Commission had partnered with many of the surrounding counties and municipalities in order to build a user friendly and modern website. He stated the RC had recently created a webpage for the Crawford County Development Authority.

Mr. Kouloungis explained that the agreement was for three years and would include design, development, maintenance, and support. There was a one-time development fee of \$3290.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$1260.00.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *City – County Quarterly Meetings*

Mr. Mincey stated that the Board may want to consider having periodic meetings with the City to discuss common concerns and issue the two governing bodies may share.

Mr. Kelly stated he would invite the Mayor and Council to engage in quarterly meetings if there were no objections.

The Board agreed.

**New Business:** *EPD – Illegal Dump Site (Boy Scout Road)*

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the EPD had notified the County about an illegal dump site located on Boy Scout Road. He went on to say that the dump site was on the County right of way and the County would be required to clean up the site.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was not sure what the cost of the clean-up would be but the work would need to be completed within the next 60 days.

**Appearances:** *Judge Tillman Self*

Judge Self requested the Board consider waiving a property tax bill for a parcel owned by his father's estate. He stated that the Tax Commissioners Office had never sent a tax bill and that the Assessor's office had may an error. This error led to a parcel of property not being recognized and as such was never put on the digest.

Judge Self stated that once the error was discovered the Tax Commissioner wanted to bill him for three (3) years of back taxes on the parcel. He went on to say that since the Tax Assessors never assessed the property and the Tax Commissioner never sent a bill he never had any knowledge that there may be taxes owed on the parcel. He went on to say because of the error he was denied his right to appeal the assessment. Because of all these factors he requested the Board allow him to pay taxes on the parcel going forward but waive any assessed back taxes.

Mr. Mincey stated that the BOC did not have the authority to waive taxes. The Tax Commissioner's duty was to collect taxes and that office policy is to collect taxes going back three (3) years if an error is discovered.

Judge Self stated that he requested a copy of that policy but one could not be produced.

Mr. Mincey stated that the Board may want to ask the Tax Commissioners office to prepare a written policy addressing back tax collection of refunds due to errors. He went on to say that he would assist the Tax Commissioner's office in the preparation of said document.

The Board thanked Judge Self for bringing the issue to their attention but they did not have the authority to waive a tax bill generated from the Tax Commissioners office.

Judge Self thanked the Board for their time.

**Appearances:** *Representative Robert Dickey*

Representative Robert Dickey asked to be recognized. He stated he had hoped to meet and congratulate Mr. Justin Spillers as the County's newly elected Commissioner. He understood that there had been a delay in Mr. Spillers taking the oath of office but hoped to see him sitting in the District Three (3) Commissioner seat at the next meeting.

Mr. Spillers was in attendance as an audience member and thanked Mr. Dickey.

Representative Dickey also asked the County to keep an eye on House Bill 202 that authorized regionalizing the various Tax Assessors offices. He stated he was excited about the Bill and what it may mean to the County going forward.

The Board thanked Representative Dickey for the update.

**FIFTH ON THE AGENDA**

**Executive Session:** Pending/Threatened Litigation

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Braswell made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board enters at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Braswell made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board exits at 8:51 p.m.

**Adjourn:**


There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 7 April 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Braswell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blasingame. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Mr. Paul Chapman - Chairman

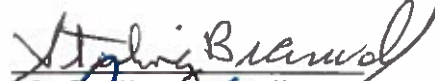


Mr. Blasingame - V. Chairman

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Open Seat

Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest - County Manager