

**THE CALLED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2015**

**THE MEETING OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:34 P.M.**

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

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. JUSTIN SPILLERS

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Thomas made the motion. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *Roads Discussion – LMIG 2016*

Mr. Kelly stated that it would be necessary for the Board to finalize its project list for the 2016 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant.

After some discussion, Mr. Spillers made a motion to widen, drain, grade, and rock one mile of Rowland Road beginning at Highway 42 South. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Blasingame made a motion to Asphalt a portion of Olive Grove Church Road beginning at Whitaker Road and traveling South for one (1) mile. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-2. Mr. Spillers and Mr. Chapman voted against.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to widen, drain, grade, and rock Childs Road beginning at Billy White Road and traveling north for one (1) mile.

The final project list is as follows:

LMIG 2016 Project List

Project #	Road Name	Traffic Rating	Road Rating	Surface Type	LMIG PORTION Materials/contract	County Portion	County In Kind	Total Project Cost	Length
1	Marshall Mill	355	4	Asphalt	126,797	58,401	0	185,198	2.75
6	Olive Grove	205	3	Asphalt	49,500		0	49,500	1
9	Jordan	225	4	Asphalt	34,831		0	34,831	1.4
10	Rowland	80	4	WDG + Rock	35,036		25,000	60,036	1
14	Childs	35	3	WDG + Rock	19,440		6,000	25,440	0.7
16	Reeves	60	5	Spot Overlays	32,400		0	32,400	1.5
TOTALS					298,004	58,401	31,000	387,405	8.35
FY 2016 Formula					\$298,004	\$58,401	\$31,000	\$387,405	

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Work Session: *FY 2016 Proposed Budget*

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the FY 2016 Proposed Budget to include the General Fund, Transit, Water Enterprise and the Non Major Governmental Funds. He went on to say that the budget was balanced in the amount of \$6,773,124. He went on to say that many of the capital items that were requested by the various departments were cut in order to balance the budget. Those items are as follows:

ITEMS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ELIMATED FROM THE PROPOSED FY 2016 BUDGET

Fire Engine	\$ 85,000
Fire Station	\$ 75,000
Lo boy Semi	\$ 60,000
Additional Personnel (Roads)	\$ 36,580
Mack Dump Trucks (2)	\$ 62,400 (5 Year lease at 2.9%)
Roads – Misc. Striping	\$ 25,000
Roads – F250 (2)	\$ 55,000
Senior Center	\$ 15,000 (Building Maintenance)

Mr. Kelly stated that the five (5) year history indicates that the County’s property tax revenue has declined over the past two (2) years. He went on to say that the County would have to operate with \$131,000.00 less than it had in FY 2014.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with a list of future concerns and possible areas for reduced spending and increase revenues as follows;

AREAS OF CONCERN IN THE NEXT ONE TO FIVE (1-5) YEARS

- PLANNING AND ZONING IS UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDER FUNDED
- COUNTY FLEET TO INCLUDE ALL DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE
- ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WIL CONTINUE TO DECLINE UNDER CURRENT FUNDING LEVELS
- THE JAIL WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED
- OFFICE FACILITIES ARE OBSOLETE AND OUT DATED
- COUNTY MAINTAINED BUILDINGS NEED CONTINUED UPKEEP I.E. ROOFS, CARPET, DAMAGES, HEAT/AIR, AND PAINT.
- WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE WILL OUTPACE THE ANTICIPATED ANNUAL REVENUE SURPLUS.
- SPLOST REVENUES (66%) ARE EFFECTIVELY ALLOCATED FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS FOR REPAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTRUCTURED WATER DEBT.
- RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE – BASKETBALL GYMNASIUM, FOOTBALL AND SOCCER FIELDS
- CAPITOL PURCHASE – INDUSTRIAL PARK (DEBT OBLIGATION)

POSSIBLE AREAS OF INCREASED REVENUES/REDUCED SPENDING

- INCREASE MILLAGE RATE
- PASS COUNTY T-SPLOST
- CONSOLIDATION – FRANCHISE TAXES, ELIMINATE REDUNDANT SERVICES, REDISTRICTING TO CREATE AT LARGE COMMISSIONERS.
- MAGISTRATE/PROBATE CONSOLIDATION.
- PRIVATIZING SERVICES – REDUCES EXPOSURES I.E. WORK COMP, EQUIPMENT UPKEEP, LITIGATION
- ELIMINATE CORONER OFFICE – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SURROUNDING COUNTIES I.E PAY BY THE BODY.
- REGIONALIZE THE TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE – ROBERT DICKEY
- INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
- GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$1,340,765

Mr. Spillers announced he would have to leave the meeting (5:12 pm) but stated he would like to consider reducing the Development Authority budget amount to only include the rent the County currently pays.

Mr. Kelly answered various questions the Board had in reference to the proposed budget prior to adjournment.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 31 July 2015 Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Thomas made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

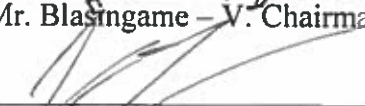
THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
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FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2015



Mr. Paul Chapman - Chairman



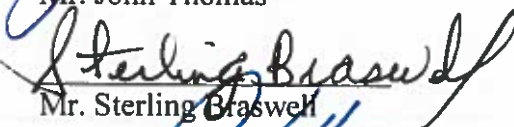
Mr. Blasingame - V. Chairman



Mr. Justin Spillers



Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest - County Manager