

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 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 "Proposed Water Line Extension – CDBG 2015" under "Public Hearing" be removed from the agenda. He further requested that "Litter on Rights of Way" be added under "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: 17 February 2015**

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

Mr. Frank Holmes (County Citizen) asked to be heard. He asked the Board if it had committed to the proposed water line extension project that had been removed from the agenda. He was concerned that the Board had not considered other projects that may be eligible, primarily road projects.

There was much discussion as to what projects may be eligible and whether or not the County had committed to the water project.

Mr. Kelly stated the Board, at its last meeting, had enter into a "Memorandum of Intent" with the Regional Commission, approved a "Resolution of Crawford County" to apply for the CDBG, and approved a document authorizing the Regional Commission to submit the CDBG to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on behalf of Crawford County.

After further discussion Mr. Chapman thanked Mr. Holmes for his comments and stated that a public hearing would be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed CDBG project.

**SECOND ON THE AGENDA**

**Old Business: Courthouse/Sheriff Department Step Project – Update**

Mr. Kelly stated the proposed sidewalk was now accepting bids. He went on to say that a request for proposals had been published in the Georgia Post and was posted on the County website. Request for Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 2015.

**THIRD ON THE AGENDA**

**New Business: Fire Department (Station Heaters)**

Mr. Kelly stated he had recently approved the purchase and installation of heaters for five (5) fire stations. Due to the cold weather the pumps in the fire engines were exposed to potential damage due to freezing. The total cost for all five stations is \$2,550.00.

**New Business: LMIG – 2015 Resurface Project – Bid Amounts/Contract Award**

Mr. Kelly stated that the Walton Road, Dent Road, and Smith Chapel (S) road projects had been let to bid. He went on to say the County had invited ten (10) paving contractors to participate in the bid process. He further stated that bids had been received from three (3) of those companies and presented the board with the results as follows:

	BID AMOUNT
Womack Paving Inc. Ronnie Womack PO Box 483 Gray, Georgia 31032	
Georgia Asphalt Allen Mason PO Box 7261 Macon, Georgia 31209 478-476-8484	
Middle Georgia Paving, Inc. Freddie Kitchens 345 West Side Road Cochran, Georgia 31014	\$147,000
Reeves Construction Andy Grey PO Box 1508 Macon, Georgia 31202	
Robinson Paving Patrick Pugh PO Box 12266 Columbus, Georgia 31917-2266	

	BID AMOUNT
Epps Brothers Jay Epps 4655 Old Gordon Road Dry Branch, Georgia 31020 eppsbrothers@att.net	
Everett Dykes Grassing and Paving Tommy Fischer 1339 GA Highway 112 Cochran, Georgia 31014	\$223,000
Mann & Company Paving and Grading: LLC Chip Mann 5221 Oak Street Eastman, Georgia 31023	
Littlefield Construction David Littlefield PO Box 1985 1518 Albany Avenue Waycross, Georgia 31502	
PEED Bros., Inc. PO Box 398 42 Industrial Road Butler Georgia 31006 478-862-5238 (o)	\$344,879

After some discussion Mr. Blasingame made a motion to award Middle Georgia Paving the contract with a bid of \$147,000.00. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *Elevated Water Storage Tank – Maintenance Update*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider entering into a contractual agreement with Utili-Vision for visual and washout inspections of the County's elevated water storage tanks. The annual cost per tank is \$3,300.00.

Mr. Kelly stated Utili-Vision would be responsible for providing the labor to perform the following tasks: inspections and washout inspections of the tanks for the purpose of reviewing any paint and or maintenance needs. Each visual inspection and washout inspection of the tank include a written recommendation of suggested corrective maintenance repairs related to exposed and assessable components such as steel replacement, steel parts, expansion joints, water level indicator, venting, safety climb systems, sway rod adjustments, manhole covers, gaskets and any other components of each tank which are readily assessable to visual inspections.

Mr. Mincey stated the contract was for five (5) years but the County could exit the contract at any time with notice.

After some discussion Mr. Thomas made the motion to enter into the agreements. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *County Road Damage – Culvert Pipes*

Mr. Thomas was concerned about damage being caused to various County roads due to residents not have driveway culvert pipes. He asked what could be done about the issue and if the County could undertake those projects.

Mr. Mincey (County Attorney) said that the answer depended upon the facts. He summarized by stating that once the County determined the property owners driveway was causing damage to the roadway the County should require that person to install a culvert pipe. If the resident did not the County could do the work but would need to add the cost of those services to the property tax bill.

Mr. Mincey stated the County could replace and install culvert pipes, at no charge to the property owner, as part of a road widening or improvement project.

Mr. Thomas asked who would notify those property owners and enforce the code requirement. Mr. Mincey stated that typically the Code Enforcement officer would be responsible for those duties.

**New Business:** *Sheriff Purchase Request – Equipment Purchase*

Mr. Kelly stated Sheriff Walker was in need of two (2) new patrol cars. He went on to say that the County had not budgeted for the expenditure and if the Board were to approve the request they would need to amend the Sheriff's budget as follows:

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CAPITAL PURCHASE  
TWO (2) 2015 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SEDAN

2015 Ford Interceptor	\$ 23,415.00 x 2	\$ 46,830.00
Radios, Sirens, Camera etc...	\$ 4,098.47 x 2	\$ 8,193.96
Graphics, Tinting, Paint	\$ 845.00 x 2	\$ 1,690.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 28,356.98 x 2</b>	<b>\$ 56,713.96</b>

REQUIRES MOTION TO AMEND LINE ITEM 54.2200 VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,713.96

Sheriff Walker stated he had two patrol cars that need to be rotated out of service due to high mileage. He went on to say that in the past those purchases were made utilizing SPLOST funds however those funds were not available at this time.

Mr. Chapman expressed concerns about increasing non-budgeted expenditures but stated it was a matter of safety and reliably equipping the Sheriff's department with the necessary tools to perform his duties.

Mr. Thomas agreed and made a motion to amend the budget as requested and approve the purchase of the patrol cars. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *Grounds Department – Equipment Purchase*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider the purchase of a new cab tractor with a side arm mower. He went on to say that the existing machine was aging and having continuous maintenance issues. He presented the Board with three (3) quotes as follows:

JOHN DEERE 6105M CAB TRACTOR WITH 50" MOWER	\$ 98,083.48
MASSEY FERGUSON 5612 CAB TRACTOR WITH 50" MOWER	\$ 99,326.95
CHALLENGER MT455D CAB TRACTOR WITH 50' MOWER	\$ 108,075.86

Mr. Kelly stated that if approved the County could lease the Equipment for five (5) years at 2.5% or less utilizing the ACCG leasing program. Payments would not begin until FY 2016 and would not impact the FY 2015 budget.

Mr. Thomas asked that the County Manager research the long term maintenance issues the tractor could anticipate prior to making a decision. He suggested the issue be table until the next meeting. The Board agreed and tabled the issue.

**New Business:** *Youth Leadership Crawford – Thursday March 26, 2015*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Crawford County High School had a Youth Leadership Program. He went on to say that they would be visiting the various County offices on March 26, 2015 in order to get an understanding of their respective duties and responsibilities..

Mr. Kelly stated he would be meeting with those students and asked whether a Board Member could attend to provide their perspectives and help answer any questions. Mr. Braswell stated he would be happy to attend.

**New Business:** *Georgia Department of Transportation – FY 16 Transit Application Packet*

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the FY 2016 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transit Application Packet. He went on to say it would be necessary to approve the document in order to continue the Transit service. Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the budget amounts as follows:

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 171,075.00
FEDERAL SHARE	\$ 76,983.75
LOCAL SHARE	\$ 76,983.75
FAIR BOX (10%)	\$ 17,107.50

COUNTY DEFICIT LAST FOUR (4) YEARS

FY 2010	\$ 25,426
FY 2011	\$ 28,616
FY 2012	\$ 26,719
FY 2013	\$ 25,348

Mr. Thomas made the motion to enter into the new agreement. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:** *Litter on Rights of Way*

Mr. Chapman was concerned with the amount of litter on the right of ways throughout the County. He asked what if anything could be done to aid in clean up.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the minutes from previous years when the County attempted to use Community Service personnel. Those minutes are as follows:

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

**15 MARCH 2011**

**Appearances:** Mr. Cliff Howard – Littering

Mr. Howard is concerned about the amount of litter that is accumulating in the County. He went on to say that he was short on answers and how to stem the problem but hoped the County could come up with a solution.

Mr. Joann Hamlin (Clean and Beautiful) stated that through the years the County had tried various programs. She stated that litter was a "people problem" and education was one aspect of the solution.

After some discussion it was decided that Ms. Hamlin would form an exploratory committee to formulate actions that could be used to clean the road right of ways of litter.

**17 MAY 2011**

**Old Business: Litter – Collection Plan and Cost Estimates**

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board he had been requested to provide a litter collection plan and the associated costs. He provided the following

1. Propose Saturday Collections – Weekly
2. Requirements
  - a. County Van
  - b. One (1) County employee for supervisory purposes.
  - c. 6-8 hour of overtime pay.
  - d. Gloves, Trash bags, vests, signage, etc..
3. Estimated Cost (annual)
  - a. Over time pay \$9360
  - b. Fuel \$ 675
  - c. Misc. \$ 500

Total estimated \$10535

Mr. Fripp requested the County manager meet with Ms. Hamlin (Clean and Beautiful) and get her input about feasibility. He then requested the Board consider moving forward with the proposed plan at the next regularly scheduled BOC meeting.

**07 JUNE 2011**

**Old Business: Litter Collection Plan**

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that Ms. Joann Hamlin (Clean and Beautiful) had contacted the various probation offices in an effort to have individuals required to serve community service be assigned to Crawford County for litter detail. He went on to say that they had agreed. Ms. Hamlin had also volunteered to handle the associated paperwork.

Commissioner Hamlin had concerns about using county personnel outside the scope of their normal duties and the County incurring over-time expense. He recommended that the County Manager come up with a plan to provide for supervision of the community service individuals that would not cost the tax payers any additional amount.

After much discussion, Mr. Chapman made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting and give the County Manager an opportunity to explore Mr. Hamlin's recommendation. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Hamlin voting no.

**21 JUNE 2011**

**Old Business: County Litter Collection**

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the County was still trying to get the frame work in place to provide road side litter collection. He believes that it is important to have a designated person to oversee the supervision of the Community Service workers. He went on to say that the Development Authority had an employee that would accept those duties and requested the Board consider the proposal.

Ms. Joann Hamlin (Clean and Beautiful) agreed with Mr. Kelly's assessment. She went on to say that her office was prepared to take care of the associated paperwork and would coordinate with the various probate offices to have Community Service personnel assigned to the county for that duty. She cautioned the Board that the litter collection program may be sporadic and would depend upon the availability and attendance of the Community Service workers.

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to allow the County Manager to hire a supervisor on an "as needed basis" and begin the bi-weekly collection of litter as soon as possible.

Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**16 AUGUST 2011**

**Old Business: Litter Collection Update**

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that there have been issues involved in creating a reliable litter collection service utilizing community service personnel. He went on to say that he believed those issues had been worked through and hoped that service would begin on 27 August 2011. He went on to say that he was considering using a Transit bus for a reliable source of transportation.

Mr. Hamlin was concerned about the travel arrangements and suggested that the County use one of its service trucks for transportation. As the litter is collected it could be tossed into the bed thereby alleviating a return trip to collect the trash.

Mr. Kelly stated he would investigate that possibility.

**07 FEBRUARY 2012**

**Old Business: Litter Collection Program**

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the litter collection program that relied on community service personnel was struggling. The prior three attempts to collect litter, the service personnel that had been assigned to the program had not shown up. Mr. Kelly recommended that the program be terminated until such time that a more reliable system assuring the attendance of the community service personnel could be put in place.

Mr. Hamlin made the motion to terminate the program. Mr. Hollis seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Chapman asked Sheriff Walker if his office and inmates could provide a workforce to aid in picking up litter. Sheriff Walker explained that the Judge would have to specifically assign inmates to a "Work Release Program". At this time there were no such inmates.

Mr. Kelly suggested the Board consider hiring part-time workers that would report directly to the grounds department. This would insure a viable and stable workforce but would come with an associated expenditure. The FY 2015 budget does not account for this proposed solution.

Mr. Chapman requested the County Manager contact the Department of Corrections to explore the possibility of using state inmates to pickup litter from time to time.

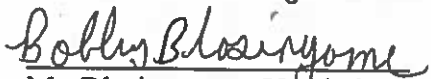
**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 03 March 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 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Mr. Paul Chapman - Chairman

  
Mr. Blasingame - V. Chairman

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OPEN SEAT

*ABSENT*  
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Mr. John Thomas

  
Mr. Sterling Braswell

  
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Attest - County Manager