

**THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2015**

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

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

INVOCATION GIVEN BY MR. BOBBY BLASINGAME

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Chapman asked that the agenda be amended. He requested that “*Surplus Property – C077 053*” and “*Culvert Pipe – Maintenance Policy*” be added under “*New Business*”. He also requested that “*Website – Update*” be removed from “*Old Business*”. Mr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: *Regularly Scheduled Meeting of 07 July 2015*

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of 07 July 2015. Mr. Blasingame made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

SECOND ON THE AGENDA

Public Hearing: *Cooley Farms, LLC – Variance*

Mr. Leighton Cooley requested the Board consider allowing a variance for additional square footage for chicken houses. The CCLDR requires that poultry houses be 40’ x 500’. Mr. Cooley requested the board allow building permits for houses that are 42’ x 601’.

After much discussion Mr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Justin Spillers (County Commissioner) arrives at the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Public Hearing: *Michael & Patricia Bloodworth*

Mr. and Mrs. Bloodworth requested the Board consider granting a setback variance in order to construct two (2) additional poultry houses on their property located at 3950 Ga. Highway 42 South. The CCLDR require a one thousand (1000) foot set back from the nearest residence. If granted, the variance would allow an approximate set back of seven hundred (700) feet.

Mr. Spillers stated he had a conflict as the applicant was his father in law.

Mr. Chapman stated that Mr. Spillers would be allowed to abstain from any vote on the issue.

After further discussion Mr. Braswell made the motion to allow the setback variance. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

THIRD ON THE AGENDA

Old Business: *Board of Assessors – Board Appointment*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that Ms. Hortman had resigned from the Board of Assessors. He went on to say that Mr. Charles King had applied for the Board position earlier in the year and expressed the desire to complete the term of Ms. Hortman.

Mr. King introduced himself to the Board and described his reasons for wanting to serve as a Board of Assessors member.

After further discussion Mr. Blasingame made a motion to appoint Mr. King to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: *Roads Discussion – LMIG 2016*

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board it would be necessary to finalize the FY 2016 Roads Project list in order to complete the FY 2016 County Budget.

After much discussion Mr. Spillers made a motion to resurface 2.75 miles of Marshall Mill road with asphalt with an estimated cost of \$180,600. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to resurface 1.40 miles of Jordan road with asphalt with an estimated cost of \$34,831. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to widen, drain, grade and rock 2.25 miles of Rowell Road. After some discussion that motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to spot overlay 1.50 miles of Reeves Road at an estimated cost of \$32,400. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to widen, drain, grade and rock 1.00 miles of Rowland Road at an estimated cost of \$60,036. Mr. Braswell seconded the motion. The motion failed with a 2-2 vote.

Mr. Kelly stated that the projects that had been approved would cost \$247,831 and would leave a balance of \$139,574 still available for road improvements from the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant.

Mr. Blasingame requested the County Manager provide an estimate to resurface Olive Grove Church Road with asphalt for 1.00 miles.

Mr. Chapman requested the Board finalize the Roads Project List once that estimate was provided and could do so at a Called Meeting to be scheduled next week.

The Board members had no objections.

FOURTH ON THE AGENDA

New Business: *Defined Benefit Plan – Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Plan*

Mr. Kelly stated that, as part of IRS requirements, the County's Defined Benefit Plan would need to be restated and filed with the IRS. The purpose of the filing is to have the IRS review the language in the Plan document and provide Crawford County with a ruling that its Plan document complies with all federal laws. Under the current rules, these Plans are filed every five years.

Mr. Kelly requested the Board adopt the "*Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Plan*" which approved the adoption of the amended and restated 2014 Model Plan document through a new Adoption Agreement, which maintains the Plan's current benefit structure. It also authorizes and empowers the Chairman of the Board to take all further actions and to execute all documents and IRS forms necessary to implement these resolutions, including a limited power of attorney to allow ACCG outside counsel to file the Plan with the IRS for a determination letter.

Mr. Spiller made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Blasingame seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Blasingame excuses himself from the meeting.

New Business: *Agreement for Probation Services*

Mr. Mincey presented the Board, for their consideration, an "*Agreement for Offender Supervision Services*" for the Probate, Magistrate, and the Superior Court of Crawford County. This agreement allows for Georgia Probation Management, Inc. to be the exclusive entity to coordinate and provide probation supervision services to the Court, and may provide pre-trial supervision services, pre-trial diversion services, electronic monitoring, alcohol monitoring and

other supervision related services to misdemeanor and traffic offenders sentenced to probation or awaiting trial by and under its jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. Spillers made a motion to enter into the agreements. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Blasingame returns to the meeting.

New Business: *Recreation – Flint Energies Grant*

Mr. Kelly stated that the Recreation Board had applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Flint Energies. This grant would be used to purchase equipment for the maintenance of the baseball fields.

New Business: *Schedule Work Session – Budget Preview*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board consider a date and time for a work session to preview the proposed FY 2016 budget and to finalize the FY 2016 Road Improvement List.

After some discussion the Board opted to meet on Friday, 31 July at 3:30 p.m. This meeting would take place at the Conference Room located at the Administration offices. This meeting will have a posted agenda and meet all requirements of a Called Meeting for the purpose of taking final votes.

New Business: *FY 2015 Administrative Briefing – 3rd Quarter*

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the 3rd Quarter Administration Briefing (See Attachment) for FY 2015 that included the following:

FY 2015 REVENUES

- LOST COLLECTIONS – ANNUAL COMPARISONS
- FY 2015 REVENUES

FY 2015 EXPENDITURES

- FY 15 EXPENDITURES – DEPARTMENT
- FY 15 EXPENDITURES - CATAGORY
- FY 15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

YEAR TO DATE NET POSITION

FY 2015 TRANSIT FUND BUDGET

FY 2015 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

FY 2015 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SPLOST

- BOND DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE
- SPLOST COLLECTIONS – ANNUAL CAMPARISONS

- SPLOST YEAR ONE (1) OVERVIEW

ROAD PROJECTS LMIG 2015 – STATUS UPDATES

The Board thanked Mr. Kelly for the overview.

New Business: *Surplus Sale – Real Property*

Mr. Kelly requested that the Board declare as “surplus” a parcel of property owned by the County. Parcel C077 053 was purchased at a tax sale by the County for nonpayment of property taxes. He went on to say that he had been contacted by a citizen inquiring about the County selling the property.

After some discussion, Mr. Spillers made a motion to declare the property as surplus and accept bids with a minimum amount of \$3,000.00. He also requested that the County advertise the property for a minimum of two (2) weeks. Mr. Blasingame seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

New Business: *Culvert Pipe – Maintenance Policy*

Mr. Kelly requested the Board provide his office guidance on the County’s position related to private culvert pipes. He went on to say that he has been requested by property owners to clean out pipes that may be full of sediment. When this occurs the water from rainfall may be diverted in to the roadway.

Mr. Mincey stated that the County cannot work on private property. He went on to say that if the County obviously damaged something then the County is responsible to repair that property. He further stated that pipes fill with sediment over many years, in ordinary course, is normal wear and tear. He further stated that the County had the right and responsibility to maintain its roadway and can make those repairs as long as the expense associated with the repair is billed back to the property owner, however, the property owner must be provided notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to the County performance of the work.

Mr. Mincey suggested that if a property owner felt it was a county caused problem then that person should asked to be on the agenda and ask the Board to make repairs at the tax payer expense. The Board could then make a determination as to which party may be liable for any maintenance.

FIFTH ON THE AGENDA

Executive Session: *Pending Litigation*

Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlement. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2]

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Spillers made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board enters at 8:30 p.m.


Mr. Spillers made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Braswell seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Board exits at 8:57 p.m.

Adjourn:

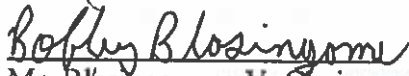
There being no further business, Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to adjourn the 21 July 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Spillers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Braswell. Motion carried 4-0 and the Board adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Paul Chapman – Chairman



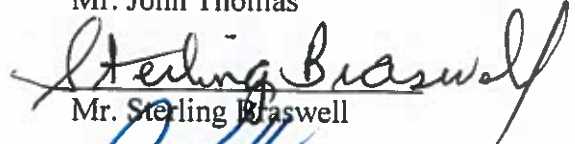
Mr. Blasingame – V. Chairman



Mr. Justin Spillers

ABSENT

Mr. John Thomas



Mr. Sterling Braswell



Attest – County Manager