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MAY 11, 2006

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Minutes of Proceedings "1 of 3"
Crawford County Board
Thursday, May 11, 2006

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday, May 11, 2006. Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Upon roll call Debbie Dix, David Fulling, Alyce Mullins, Richard Newbold, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Ron Veenstra and Joe Bliss were present.

Party Placement Lottery was held with the toss of coin by Don Richart-Republican Representative and Wayne Stevenson-Democratic Representative calling heads. Democratic Party will appear 1st on the November 7, 2006 ballot. (See certification 484)

Lottery was held with a toss of a coin by the party representatives with the Republican Party to have the majority of judges (3) in Robinson#7. (See certification 485-486)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2006 board meeting. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Upon roll call Debbie Dix, David Fulling, Alyce Mullins, Richard Newbold, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle and Joe Bliss answered "aye". Ron Veenstra abstained. Motion carried with "8 aye's" and "1 abstention".

Ron Veenstra discussed acquiring another phone carrier for all offices.

Richard Newbold made a motion to approve claims. Debbie Dix seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see claims 487-550)

Cincinnati Insurance has guaranteed rates for the next 2 years and Bliss McKnight has a slight reduction for premiums next year.

Don Richart made a motion to accept the renewal of the insurance package with Cincinnati Insurance for property coverage and Bliss McKnight Insurance Company for liability coverage. Richard Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Renewal 551-556)

Officer reports were given by Circuit Clerk-Denise Utterback, Treasurer-Doris Tracy, Coroner-Earl Deckard, Supervisor of Assessments-Betty Bailey, Probation Officer-Lori Hetzler, Public Defender-Matthew Hartrich, State's Attorney-Jay Holtzhouser, Superintendent of Highways-Justin Childress, County Clerk-Patty Lyman and Sheriff-Todd Liston.

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see reports 557-560)

Richard Newbold made a motion to approve the Construction Engineering Agreement with Connor & Connor 05-06129-00-BR in Montgomery Township. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see agreement 561-565)

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Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the list of Election Judges that was submitted for appointment. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see list 566-580)

Patty Lycan, County Clerk is in need of additional storage space for Vital Records and Recording. Tom Titsworth stated that Building and Grounds had discussed the possibility of space in the vault in Supervisor of Assessments office.

Ron Veenstra suggested acquiring the specs that are needed for storage of documents and the Building and Grounds committee will meet in the Annex office and check on space that is available.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to **table the January Probation Reimbursement claim for 30 days**. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The 2004-2005 Audit and 2005 Annual Financial Report will be presented by Kemper CPA Group at the next Board meeting.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to re-appoint Dennis Guyer to the Prairie-Licking Fire Protection District Board. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment 581-583)

The following name was submitted for appointment to the E-911 Board:

1. Bill Ackman. (see letter 584)

The Board of Review names that were submitted at the May board meeting did not need to be appointed as they were previously appointed in 2005 for a 3-year term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN

Debbie Dix reported on the Tourism Board. (no report received)

Tom Titsworth stated that it is time to set the officers salaries. In the past 4 years the officers had received only a \$2,000 increase and had held budget spending in each of their offices.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to increase the salary for the Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments and County Clerk to \$42,500, Sheriff's salary to \$52,500 and a 3% increase each year thereafter. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Upon roll call Debbie Dix, David Fulling, Richard Newbold, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Ron Veenstra and Joe Bliss answered "aye". Alyce Mullins answered "present". Motion carried with "8 aye's" and "1 present".

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve **Resolution 2006-R-03** to Set Officer's Salaries for the term of December 1, 2006 thru November 30, 2010. Ron Veenstra seconded motion. Upon roll call Debbie Dix, David Fulling, Richard Newbold, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Ron Veenstra and Joe Bliss answered "aye". Alyce Mullins answered "present". Motion carried with "8 aye's" and "1 present". (see resolution 585)

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Tom Titsworth stated that the compensation for the County Board has not been increased since 1992. He discussed changing the County Board Members compensation for newly elected members in 2006 and 2008.

Debbie Dix made a motion to approve a 3% increase each year for the newly elected Board Members in November 2006 and then in November 2008. Motion died for a lack of a second.

There was discussion regarding setting a salary for a Budget Officer. Tom Titsworth stated that Patty Lycan had been doing this for the last 3 years without any compensation. This is not part of the duties of the County Clerk's office. Debbie Dix stated she thought the budget officer should be from an outside source. Alyce Mullins stated she agreed. No action was taken.

Don Richart discussed placing a referendum on the November ballot to increase the Ambulance rate from the current maximum rate of .05 to a maximum rate of .25. **This will be placed on the June agenda for discussion.** (see letter 586-591)

Tom Titsworth stated he had received calls regarding abandoned vehicles.

Alyce Mullins stated that the Ethics committee had made changes to the County Board Rules. She wanted each of the board members to review and discuss the changes at the next meeting.

David Fulling stated that a calendar was placed on the bulletin board for noting dates for meetings, contracts, etc that are coming due.

Chairman, Joe Bliss, directed Patty Lycan to send in the 3-month trial membership to the National Association of County Officials.

Ron Veenstra made a motion for Sheriff Todd Liston to purchase a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Richard Newbold made a motion to call upon the clerk to issue per diem and mileage. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Dix seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with an "aye" vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p. m.

PATRICIA A LYCAN
Clerk of the Crawford County Board