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Minutes of Proceedings
 Crawford County Board
 Friday, March 12, 2004

The Crawford County Board met in regular session Friday, March 12, 2004. Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon roll call Debbie Dix, Mike Green, Jody Inboden, Alyce Mullins, Richard Newbold, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Ron Veenstra, Ron Williamson and Joe Bliss were present.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the February 13, 2004 minutes noting that Mitzi Martin's name be removed from attendance and changing Tom Tuttle to read Tom Titsworth. Ron Veenstra seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Ron Williamson made a motion to approve claims as submitted. Richard Newbold seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (See claims 324-376)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the February 13, 2004 closed meeting minutes. Richard Newbold seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the January 9, 2004 closed meeting minutes. Ron Veenstra seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Officers reports were given by Public Defender Jay Holtzhouser, Sheriff Todd Liston, CCDA Executive Director Norma Carder, Treasurer Doris Tracy, Coroner Earl Deckard, Supervisor of Assessment Betty Bailey, and County Clerk Patty Lyan.

Todd Liston read the resignation of Wilfred Cross from the 911 committee. Tom Weger's name was submitted as a Citizen at Large (See letter-page 377)

Todd Liston stated he is purchasing a used Jeep Cherokee for less than \$10,000.00 for the Sheriff's Department. (See page 378)

Todd Liston explained the water leak around the antenna tower in front of the Sheriff's Office, found sewer line and drainage problems on southeast side of the building. All 3 items are in the process of being repaired.

Norma Carder spoke on behalf of the Revolving Loan Committee. She explained the Board could withdraw a total \$30,000.00 of the interest on an annual basis in quarterly increments of \$7,500

Ron Veenstra made a motion to withdraw \$7,500.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund interest and place in the County's general fund. Tom Titsworth seconded. Upon roll call those voting "aye" were Debbie Dix, Mike Green, Jody Inboden, Alyce Mullins, Richard Newbold, Tom Titsworth, Ron Veenstra and Joe Bliss. Those voting "nay" were Bob Tuttle and Ron Williamson. Motion carried. 8 "aye" votes and 2 "nay" votes

Norma Carder noted in the February County Board Meeting that 2 new members need to be appointed to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. The County Board should replace Ron Legg & Joe Drennen. (See letters page 379 & 380)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to appoint Ron Veenstra as a member to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. Tom Titsworth seconded. All members voted “aye” with the exception of Ron Veenstra “abstaining” Motion carried. (see appointment page 381 & 382)

Jody Inboden made a motion to appoint Mary Kindt as a member to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. Ron Veenstra seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment page 383-384)

Treasurer Doris Tracy reported to the Board that she needs to borrow \$500,000.00, in \$100,000.00 increments, to cover expenses as needed.

Ron Williamson made a motion to allow Treasurer Doris Tracy to borrow up to \$500,000.00, to cover expenses as needed. Jody Inboden seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Richard Newbold made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Debbie Dix seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see report pages 385-388)

Ron Williamson questioned the variance of interest rates for individual loans from CCDA.

The Board discussed the possibility of selling the Commecium.

Ron Williamson made a motion to pass **Resolution 2004-R-05** in support of keeping the Vandalia Correctional Center open. Richard Newbold seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (See Resolution page 389-390)

Homer Dean Dart’s name was submitted for re-appointment to Oblong Township Fire Protection District.

Garry L. Branson’s name was submitted for re-appointment to the Flat Rock Fire Protection District.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to re-appoint Larry Whitcomb as a Trustee to the Robinson Township Fire Protection District. Ron Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment page 391-393)

Ron Williamson made a motion to re-appoint John Gerald Russell, Jr. as Trustee to the LaMotte Township Fire Protection District. Tom Titsworth seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment page 394-399)

Jody Inboden made a motion to re-appoint Robert Stephens as Trustee to the Eaton Water District. Alyce Mullins seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment page 400-402)

COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN

Ron Williamson read **County Resolution 2000-01** to enforce payment of medical bills incurred by inmates while incarcerated. Sheriff Todd Liston stated he is willing to work with the County to recover these expenses. (See Resolution page 403)

Ron Williamson suggested that we contact the (Verizon) telephone company regarding a group discount.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to allow the Claims Committee to review the phone bills. Ron Veenstra seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Richard Newbold reported on the 911 meeting and discussed the installation of a new 911 antenna.

Debbie Dix reported on the Tourism Committee. They are meeting at different locations through out the County. The next meeting will be March 16, 2004 at the Historical Museum.

Ron Williamson made a motion to approve a Highway Department **Resolution** to purchase a new dump truck for the County Highway Department. Richard Newbold seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see resolution page 404)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve a Highway Department **Resolution** to award a contract to Perry County Construction to work on Bridge 07126 northwest of Oblong. Richard Newbold seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see resolution page 405)

Bob Tuttle reported the Road & Bridge Committee has a bid for \$21,500.00 for 4 new New-Holland mowing tractors with a dealership in Newton. The dealership will take the County's old ones as trade-ins.

The Road & Bridge Committee is taking application for summer mowing jobs.

Concerns were noted that a Highway Dept employee, is accruing comp time although he is a salaried employee. Jody Inboden recommended the Road & Bridge Committee meet with Highway Engineer Justin Childress to attempt to resolve this situation.

Tom Titsworth reported that some of the parking lots are going to be resealed. Repairs on the basement safe in the Annex are being researched by Sheriff Todd Liston and Building & Grounds Committee

The Finance Committee will hold a quarterly meeting March 31, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex Building. The County Clerk's office will mail notices .

Denise Utterback would like to purchase two (2) ceiling fans for her office.

Jody Inboden gave an update on insurance with St. Paul. A memo has been sent to all Department heads requesting each department to submit an Inventory List to the Clerk's office.

Ron Veenstra reported the Revolving Loan Committee met March 8, 2004 and recommended the approval of a loan to Gene Hoke for \$15,000.00. (see letter page 406)

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve the loan for \$15,000.00 to Gene Hoke. Tom Titsworth seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Ron Williamson made a motion to call upon the Clerk of the Board to issue mileage and per diem to all members present. Bob Tuttle seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to adjourn. Jody Inboden seconded. Motion carried unanimously with an “aye” vote.

PATRICIA A LYCAN
Clerk of the Crawford County Board