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Minutes of Proceedings  
Crawford County Board  
Thursday, February 15, 2007

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday, February 15, 2007. Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping were present.

David Fulling made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 County Board meeting. Don Richart seconded the motion. David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping answered “aye”. Tom Titsworth abstained. Motion carried with 9 “aye” and 1 “abstain”.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to keep all prior closed minutes of the Crawford County Board meetings closed. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Don Richart made a motion to approve claims. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see claims 93-160)

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 closed session meeting. John Sutfin seconded the motion. David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping answered “aye”. Tom Titsworth abstained. Motion carried with 9 “aye” and 1 “abstain”.

Officers’ reports were given by Treasurer-Doris Tracy, Circuit Clerk-Denise Utterback, Supervisor of Assessments-Betty Bailey, State’s Attorney-Tom Wiseman, Public Defender-Matt Hartrich, Chief Probation Officer-Joe Miller, and County Clerk-Patty Lycan.

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see reports 161-163)

Patty Lycan, County Clerk discussed the use of the touch screen machines at the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. It was the recommendation of the County Clerk to use the machines at all elections. The Board also agreed. She also discussed a request by a local company for a temporary polling place to be set. The Board said no to this request.

Jerry Ping made a motion that the issue of the Public Defender becoming a county employee be tabled for 30 days and that the salary committee make a recommendation regarding the same. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

County Board discussed having a resolution regarding the Public Defender by the March meeting.

David Fulling made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds in the amount of \$6,389.00 to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution & Commitment of Funds 164-166)

Jayce Phillips, Representative from the Robinson Correctional Center discussed the non-smoking issue for the County.

Board Member David Fulling left meeting at 7:05 pm

Tom Titsworth will meet with committee and will hope to have something within the next 30 days regarding a non-smoking ordinance.

Debbie Dix spoke on the recommendation of a service fee from municipalities to help defray the cost for Animal Control. The County would receive a portion of the fees and the Animal Control would also receive a portion of the fee. The County would have to contract with each municipality for this service.(see reports 167-171)

Chairman Joe Bliss appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Don Richart, John Sutfin and Tom Titsworth to approach each municipality regarding this fee.

Ron Veenstra recommended that we open better lines of communications with municipalities.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to appoint Laronda Brush as Assistant Animal Control Warden. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment 172-173)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to appoint Daniel Cavin as Assistant Animal Control Warden. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment 174-175)

Names submitted for re-appointment to the 708 Board:

1. Fritz Wheeler
2. Coanne Love

Name submitted for re-appointment to the Robinson Township Fire Protection Dist Board:

1. Larry L. Whitcomb

Name submitted for re-appointment to the Eaton Water District Board:

1. R. J. Rains (5-yr term May 1, 2007-May 1, 2012)

Break at 7:15 PM

Returned to meeting at 7:30 PM

Tom Titsworth made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining between a public body and its employees and possible litigation, pending litigation and probable litigation. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 7:35 PM.

Board member David Fulling returned to meeting at 7:45 PM

Alyce Mullins made a motion to return to open session. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:45 PM

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Titsworth made a motion to remove the portion of the county Board rules that states “the ESDA Chairman will also serve as the member-at-large to the 911 board” (page 4 #34 of the Crawford County Board Rules). The County Board Chairman will appoint the member to serve on the 911 Committee. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.(see Board rules 176-181)

Tom Titsworth scheduled a Quarterly Finance meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at 15 min increments with officers to be present. Will include last years’ year end and the first quarter of 2006-2007 fiscal year.

It was noted that the Extension board will have a referendum on ballot.

David Fulling reported:

1. Green Construction had finished vault in basement.
2. John Sutfin is checking on long distant service for the County.
3. Water fountain has been installed.
4. Alyce Mullins is researching health insurance.

Tom Wiseman reported that the State’s Attorney Salary should have been increased on July 1, 2006. The original letter received from the Illinois Internal Revenue had typo stating July 1, 2007.(see report 182-184)

Jerry Ping made a motion to call upon the clerk to issue mileage and per diem. Don Richart seconded. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to adjourn. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with an “aye” vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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PATRICIA LYCAN  
Clerk of the Crawford County Board