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COUNTY OF CRAWFORD }

Minutes of Proceedings  
Crawford County Board  
Thursday, April 12, 2007

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday, April 12, 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.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 County Board meeting. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 closed session meeting. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve claims. Jerry Ping seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see claims 295-344)

Officers' reports were given by Sheriff-Todd Liston, Coroner-Earl Deckard, Circuit Clerk-Denise Utterback, Public Defender-Matt Hartrich, Treasurer-Doris Tracy, State's Attorney-Tom Wiseman and Superintendent of Highways-Justin Childress.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to allow payroll deduction for County employees to contribute, on a voluntary basis, towards an education fund for Rob Cravens' children. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Denise Utterback, Circuit Clerk presented a report. (see report 345)

Ron Veenstra moved that CDAP administrative fees in the amount of \$7,500 be transferred to the General Fund. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see reports 346-348)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve a **Resolution for the Crawford County Highway Department** to purchase a 2008 Peterbuilt dump truck from Heartland Peterbuilt for \$86,547. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 349)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve a **Resolution** for the purchase of a Lowboy Trailer for the Crawford County Highway Dept in the amount of \$37,916. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 350)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve a **Resolution for 2007 Township Oil Maintenance**. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion (see Resolution 351-353)

Tom Titsworth reported that the Health Department Board had tabled the Clean Air Ordinance for 60 days. Since the Health Department would be the enforcing entity along with the Sheriff's Department, the Board shall not take action until the Health Department has passed the same.

Tom Titsworth moved that the Clean Air Ordinance be tabled for 60 days. Charlie Rains seconded the motion. Upon roll call, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, and Charlie Rains voted "aye". David Fulling, Bob Tuttle, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping voted "nay". Motion carried with six "ayes" and four "nays".

Chief Probation Officer Joe Miller reported on the status of probation payments. Richland County voted at their last board meeting to pay the shortfall funds owing to Crawford County in the amount of \$9,765.51. He once again requested that \$67,427 in the probation fees be released to the Second Judicial Circuit. (see attached claims 354)

David Fulling moved to table the funding agreement with Stewart Whitt for 30 days. Charlie Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Break at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

Jerry Ping made a motion to approve **Resolution 2007-R-02** to increase the rent on the polling places to \$100 per precinct, per election. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 2007-R-02, 355 )

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the University of Illinois Extension Budget for July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Charlie Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see budget 356-357)

David Fulling made a motion to approve the University of Illinois Extension Standard Lease Agreement. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see lease 358-371)

Ron Veenstra asked that the Board pass a resolution in opposition to the Governor's proposed Gross Receipts Tax.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to re-appoint Dennis Guyer to the Prairie-Licking Fire Protection District Board for a 3-year term (May 2, 2007 – May 1, 2010) John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 372-374)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to re-appoint Garry L. Branson to the Flat Rock Area Fire Protection District Board for a 3-year term (May 2, 2007 – May 1, 2010) Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 375-377)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to re-appoint Dean Dart to the Oblong Township Fire Protection District Board for a 3-year term (May 2, 2007 – May 1, 2010) Jerry Ping seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 378-380)

David Fulling made a motion to re-appoint John Gerald Russell to the Lamotte Township Fire Protection District Board for a 3-year term (May 2, 2007 – May 1, 2010) Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 381-384)

David Fulling made a motion to appoint Sheila Titsworth to the Crawford County Board of Review to replace Donavea Swaner. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment 385-386)

Names submitted for re-appointment to the Robinson Airport Authority Board of Commissioners: (see letter 387)

1. John Trimble – 5 year term (May 17, 2007 – May 16, 2012)
2. Robert York II – 5 year term (May 17, 2007 – May 16, 2012)

David Fulling 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. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 7:58 pm.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to return to open session. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:35 PM

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Titsworth reported that the computer servers are downstairs. They have not all been hooked up yet. They are going to wait until after the election so it does not interfere.

Tom Wiseman reported that when the County sold the poor farm back in the 1960's they reserved 50% of the mineral rights for a period of 75 years. Pioneer Oil has asked for a lease to drill for natural gas. Tom was instructed to communicate with the property owner to see if they had leased the other 50%

Joe Bliss reported that the County had received back \$187.50 of their dues from the UCCI.

Tom Titsworth reported that the airport has a new manager. The new manager is from Casey. There was an agreement reached on the litigated matters through the court system.

Tom Titsworth has not yet heard back from the city regarding animal control.

Alyce Mullins reported that ESDA had received one estimate for remodeling their building. David Fulling indicated that he and Ken Pryor had applied for a grant that would assist with the costs. Justin Childress has room at the highway department to store the ESDA trailer, but the space is by the salt bins. The trailer cannot be left there permanently.

John Sutfin reported that the phone surveys are all in. He will begin compiling the results.

David Fulling reported that Justin Childress would like to tear down the old dog pound. The building would need to be checked for asbestos. He would like to eventually put a new pole barn on the same site.

David Fulling moved that Justin be given permission to take down the old dog pound. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

David Fulling reported that John Sutfin has been working with the City of Robinson and researching the possibility of purchasing electricity on a block system in order to cut utility costs.

David Fulling reported that representatives from the insurance companies have been and will continue to be conducting audits and inspections of the county buildings. Jace Phillips volunteered his time to do a walk through of the buildings with the Building and Grounds Committee to point out problems in the buildings. The insurance representative did indicate that the county needed a safety committee. The county also needs to conduct Sexual Harassment Training. An individual has volunteered to conduct the training at no cost to the county. The insurance company has also recommended that the County have their own doctor. The County has to have job descriptions for every employee in the County. David also requested that the Board consider hiring a secretary.

David Fulling reported that Rides had leased space at the Commercium.

David Fulling indicated that he would like filters to be placed on the water fountains in the courthouse.

Chairman Bliss incorporated the Safety Committee into the Health Committee. It now be called the Health and Safety Committee. There was no objection.

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

Bob Tuttle made a motion to adjourn. Charlie Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with an "aye" vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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PATRICIA LYCAN  
Clerk of the Crawford County Board