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THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004

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STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD }

Minutes of Proceedings “1 of 3”
Crawford County Board
Thursday, July 8, 2004

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday July 8, 2004 Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2004 County Board meeting. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Bob Tuttle moved to approve the closed minutes of the June 10, 2004 Board Meeting. Ron Williamson seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Green made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Richard Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Claims p.903-937)

Officer reports were given by Public Defender Jay Holtzhouser, Circuit Clerk Denise Utterback, State's Attorney Mark Shaner, Coroner Earl Deckard, Probation Officer Betty Vandevender, Superintendent of County Highways Justin Childress, County Clerk Patty Lycan and Sheriff Todd Liston.

Circuit Clerk Denise Utterback submitted her semi-annual report to the Board. (Report p. 938-939)

Joe Bliss, County Chairman presented the Treasurer's Report submitted by Doris Tracy, Treasurer.

Debbie Dix made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Richard Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Report p. 940-943)

Debbra Callan, Insurance Consultant from Independent Risk Managers, discussed the bids received for health insurance coverage for County employees. She considers Blue Cross Blue Shield and Guardian to be the most comparative with our current coverage. She stated that at this time it was her recommendation that we obtain final quotes for a \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 deductible from the 2 companies.

The insurance committee discussed holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 for all county employees.

The County Board discussed having the insurance committee proceed with acquiring the quotes and present a recommendation to the entire board at the August board meeting.

Bids were received for a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria the Sheriff's department was selling. Bids received were : \$842 from Eubank, \$1,050 from Jones and \$3,000 from Vandevender.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,000 from Leroy Vandevender for the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria being sold by the Sheriff's Department. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Bids p.944)

Margo Hunter and Bill Kenton, representatives from AIG VALIC Financial Advisors discussed a deferred compensation program for the County employees.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to allow AIG VALIC representatives to discuss payroll deductions with employees. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Debbie Dix and Stephanie Wade presented a proposal for a Pet Registration Ordinance for Crawford County. They discussed this may help cut down on expense to taxpayers and reduce the number of unwanted litters.

Ron Williamson made a motion to **table** any action on **Pet Registration** until the next meeting pending further review and a recommendation by the rabies committee. Richard Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to **table** the **Animal Control Ordinance**. Mike Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Earl Deckard, United Life Ambulance representative, gave a financial report regarding the Ambulance service. (Report 944a-944d)

Earl Deckard stated that the Ambulance service is in need of more assistance or they may have to lower their level of service or possibly close. Deckard stated that collections are very hard to receive. Seventy per cent of their runs are for Medicare Pay. Melody Deter, Manager of ER at Crawford Memorial Hospital, Dee Bergner, Ambulance Service representative from Edgar County and Scott Pulliam, CPA for United Life Ambulance Service, presented to the board the value of the current level of the ambulance service.

Ron Williamson made a motion to rescind the additional \$1,000 rent due from **United Life Ambulance** Service beginning August 1, 2004. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Upon roll call Debbie Dix, Mike Green, Alyce Mullins, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Ron Williamson and Joe Bliss voted “aye”. Richard Newbold and Ron Veenstra “abstained”. Motion carried with “7 ayes” and “2 abstained”.

Ron Williamson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending and probable litigation. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 8:45 p.m.

Debbie Dix made a motion to return to open session. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:15 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to discount rent by half for the current DCEO office, paid by CCDA. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Reports p. 945)

The labor contract with the Highway Department is coming up for renewal.

Applications for CCDA Director are being accepted due to the resignation of Norma Carder.

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 the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

PATRICIA A LYCAN
Clerk of the Crawford County Board