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The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday, December 13, 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.

John Sutfin made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 County Board meeting. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see claims 1310-1383)

Officer reports were given by Sheriff-Todd Liston, Treasurer-Doris Tracy, Coroner-Earl Deckard, Supervisor of Assessments-Betty Bailey, County Engineer-Justin Childress and County Clerk-Patty Lyan.

Tom Titsworth made a motion that a 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2005 Ford Explorer be purchased for the Sheriff's Department at a total cost of approximately \$33,000. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.(see reports1384-1386)

Doris Tracy, County Treasurer presented her annual report according to the requirements of Resolution 2001-001. (see report 1387)

Betty Bailey, Supervisor of Assessments presented her annual report according to the requirements of Resolution 2001-001. (see report 1388)

David Fulling made a motion to approve the Engineering **AGREEMENT** for Lamotte #3314. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Agreement 1389-1392)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the **RESOLUTION** for Weight Limitations for Roads. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 1393)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the **RESOLUTION** for 2008 County Maintenance. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 1394-1397)

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David Fulling made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 closed session meeting. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the **RESOLUTION** authorizing a deed transferring ownership of the Boat Ramp to Hutsonville Township Park District. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.(see Resolution 1398-1402)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the **RESOLUTION** authorizing a deed transferring portions of 6 different lots south of the Hutsonville Bridge to the Village of Hutsonville. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Resolution 1403-1407)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve **The 2008 County Board Meetings Schedule** with County Board meetings scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

James Butler addressed the County Board regarding the USDA using land owned by the County Highway Department for storage of explosives used in removing beaver dams. All costs in setting up the storage area would be borne by the USDA.

David Fulling made a motion that the County allow the USDA to place a storage building and fence on land owned by the County Highway Department for storage of explosives. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve the **Contract with Kemper CPA Group for the fiscal year 2006-2007 Audit**. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see Contract 1409-1416)

Michael Fulling addressed the Board regarding the possibility of a one day exemption from the “dry county” rule that would allow a beer tent to be erected at the Bull Bash during the Labor Day Festivities in Palestine. A written request containing specific details will be submitted.

Don Richart read a letter from Lonna Johnson resigning her appointment as a member of the **Crawford Memorial Hospital Board** effective December 31, 2007. (see letter of appointment 1417)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to re-appoint Judy Adams to the **Crawford Memorial Hospital Board** for a 3-year term. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 1418-1420)

Don Richart made a motion to re-appoint Robert Kirk to the **Crawford Memorial Hospital Board** for a 3-year term. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 1421-1423)

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Tom Titsworth made a motion to re-appoint Jim Kincaid to the **Crawford Memorial Hospital Board** for a 3-year term. David Fulling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 1424-1426)

Bob Tuttle made a motion to re-appoint Allen Price to the **Silas & Ruth Claypool Foundation Board** for 2008-Oct 2012. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see re-appointment 1427-1430)

David Fulling made a motion to appoint Dr. John Trimble to the **Crawford County Airport Authority Board** effective 1/1/2008 with term to be determined by lot. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (see appointment 1431-1433)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to appoint Diane Parham to the **Crawford County Airport Authority Board** effective 1/1/2008 with term to be determined by lot. Don Richart seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Ron Veenstra, and Jerry Ping voted “aye”. Joe Bliss voted “nay”. Bob Tuttle and Charles Rains abstained. Motion carried with 7 “ayes”, 1 “nay” and 2 abstentions. (see appointment 1434-1439)

Jerry Ping made a motion to appoint Greg Nye to the **Crawford County Airport Authority Board** effective 1/1/2008 with term to be determined by lot. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Upon roll call Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping voted “aye”. David Fulling voted “nay”. John Sutfin abstained. Motion carried with 8 “ayes”, 1 “nay” and one abstention. (see appointment 1440-1442)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to appoint David Diffenderfer to the **Crawford County Airport Authority Board** effective 1/1/2008 with term to be determined by lot. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart and Charlie Rains voted “aye”. Tom Titsworth, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping voted “nay”. Joe Bliss and Bob Tuttle abstained. Motion carried with 5 “ayes”, 3 “nays” and 2 abstentions. (see appointment 1443-1439)

Names submitted for appointment to the **CCDA** – at-large Members

Art Baker (3 year term – Dec 2007 – Nov 30, 2010)

Gary Null (3 year term – Dec 2007 – Nov 30, 2010)

Steve McGahey (3 year term – Dec 2007 – Nov 30, 2010)

Following Slate of Officers submitted by **CCDA** for County Board approval:

Rick Catt- President (1 year term to expire Nov. 30, 2007)

Jerry Tye – Vice-President (1 year term to expire Nov. 30, 2007)

Steve McGahey – Sec/Treasurer (1 year term to expire Nov. 30, 2007)

Recessed at 7:30 p.m.

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Meeting was reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Jerry Ping seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 7:45 pm.

David Fulling made a motion to return to open session. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jerry Ping reported that the Reverse 911 is operational.

Charles Rains reported that he had attended a Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission Meeting. Oblong is looking for assistance in replacing sewers and water lines due to the widening of Route 33.

Tom Titsworth reported that he had distributed a copy of the proposed Agreement with the Crawford County Humane Society for the Humane Society to serve as Animal Control Officer. This is for the Board's information and will be acted upon next month. It is basically the same contract with a stipend increase to \$27,500 per year.

Tom reported that the Health Department will be holding a Mass Dispense Drill in the spring. This is required by the State. They have also met with the Health Department regarding the Smoke Free Illinois Law that will go into effect on January 1, 2008.

Chairman Bliss reported that the Ad Hoc Animal Control Committee of Tom Titsworth, Don Richart and John Sutfin will be made a permanent committee.(see revised list 1447)

Alyce Mullins reported that the Board might have their picture retaken at the January meeting.

David Fulling presented the Board with information from NACO that he had received at the conference in Chicago.

He also reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee had the Courthouse, Jail, Annex and Commencement appraised at the end of the fiscal year. These 4 buildings were underinsured by about \$4,000,000. The additional insurance needed to cover them will result in an increase in premium. Also, materials have been purchased for the High School Building Trades Class to build shelving in the Circuit Clerk's Office after the first of the year.

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David Fulling also has information on an energy savings program for historic buildings. Gus and Eula Schmidt had previously left some ground near the Oak Glen Golf Course to the County to be used as a recreational area. The gift was to be effective at their death. Buildings and Grounds met with Eula Schmidt's attorney recently about the possibility of the County taking over this land before she passes away since she is in poor health. The County could qualify for grants from the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Committee to use for projects on the property if the County decides to take it now. Finally, David reported that rental amounts had been raised on 3 tenants of the County buildings beginning in January of 2008.

Don Richart reported that the Ambulance Committee had met with United Life Care owners last week. There does not seem to be a lot of issue with anything but money. Copies of the proposed agreement have been distributed to the Board. Underlined language is new language. United is saying that they have to have at least \$150,000. They would agree to this for a one year period. The Committee has no recommendation regarding this figure. The Board requested that Don Webb look at United's books to assist in making a determination of what an equitable stipend would be. Don Richart will co-ordinate between the two entities.

David Fulling made a motion to approve paying the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission dues for 2008. Don Richart seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Charles Rains and Jerry Ping voted "aye". Ron Veenstra voted "nay". Motion carried with 9 "ayes" and 1 "nay". (see report 1448-1450)

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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PATRICIA LYCAN  
Clerk of the Crawford County Board