

The Crawford County Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting commenced on April 8, 2025, at 4:00pm. Members in attendance were Dale, Ingle, and Crecelius. Also in attendance was Auditor Marples, Chief Deputy Auditor Phelps, and Attorney Ingle.

**Bryan Gramlin** – Came to follow up on the road ordinance. Commissioners did listen to the publics concerns and discussed the changes. They hope everyone will be happy with the changes. There is a section where they can implement a bond, but it was not worded the same way it was. Not here to discuss changes. Did provide copy and asked that he review it and if he has questions or concerns to come back and they will address them. Crecelius believes everyone will be happy with the changes. Motion to approve Ordinance 030195-C by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote 3-0.

**Nathan Held with Region 15** – Updates about 2024. Provided documents. Over 6 million in grant funds from INDOT. Grant each year. Saferoom at Crawford County Highschool was funded through FEMA. Over 6 million Marengo wastewater improvements from 2022 is still ongoing. EPA Brownfield Assessment on going. Courthouse tank taken out. Potential Clearance project for courthouse. Still administering the Crawford County Revolving loan fund. Here to support in any way they can.

**Larry Phipps** – was hoping to find the picture. But was told no one could find it. Along road in Alton sewer heads have not been cleared out. 3 days with rain on Alton Fredonia Road. They are clogged in the town. Not sure of who is supposed to take care of it. Dale stated Alton is an incorporated city so anything in the city limits belongs to the town. Anything outside of the town belongs to the county. They will get back down there to look at it, but flooding is all over the county.

**EMA Director Aaron Bye** – Emergency Declaration for Flooding disaster to try and receive FEMA and state funding. Major wash out areas through the county. Roads and bridges are currently closed. Hoping to meet criteria to receive assistance. Motion to approve signing the emergency declaration made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Marengo Tower has a continued issue with the lighting. 2 years ago, they put lights on, and they are out again. Company called Lumenserve is recommended. Recommends the plan that doesn't make Crawford County own anything on it. They will retain and upkeep it. Initial charge to get it compliant is \$423 a month x 60 months = \$25,380 and they will submit all of the reports to the FAA. Tower has been taking lightening hits and believes that is why it's going out more frequently. Last time, Crawford County paid \$6000 to replace it. They will fix the lighting and do 24/7 monitoring on it. They will maintain and fix any issue. It will come out of the tower fund repair and maintenance with is money that they already make off of the Verizon tower. No cost to taxpayers. Attorney Ingle will review, and they will come back to it.

Tower sirens and warning sirens having issues with batteries going down. Last time they were changed were 6 years and they only are good for 4 or 5 years. Provided quote from Carefree batteries for a total of 38 batteries. That does not include the cost to put them in. but it has a 4-year warranty for \$13,340.

Attorney Ingle didn't see start up. \$900 one-time fee. Contract is automatically renewed if not given 45 days. Contract is governed by state of Texas, and he doesn't like that. Risk is low. If he has a dispute he will recommend paying the fee and sending them notice of disconnect. Motion to approve Lumenserve

lighting contract made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion to approve CBO Batteries for the tower and warning sirens made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**Highway Department Superintendent Chance Bender** – Award 2025 community crossing-1 based on engineer recommendations. Paving contract will go to C&R construction in amount of \$369,479. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Chip and Seal contract will go to JH Rudolph in the amount of \$285,336. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**Assessor Mike Carlisle** – Requested for bill to be approved after meeting due to missing deadline to have form 11's to be sent out before April 30<sup>th</sup> by L&D Mailmasters. Motion to approve bill made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**Economic Development Director Jesse Belcher** – comment on Region 15. Personally attest to environmental studies that the land owners back out of and says they really bend over backwards.

Annual meeting April 17, 2025, doors open at 6 dinner starts at 630. Reach out by email by Thursday so they have enough food.

Received a grant from ROI through digital towns program. Public access wifi points that were established. 9 public access sites. They received additional money to help with connecting people digitally through the county. As of June, councils will be required to broadcast meetings over the internet. Got approved through ROI to provide a meeting camera called Owls with microphone and will turn to whoever is speaking. Will purchase laptop. For the Council will purchase microphone extender. Will have a third set to allow towns to check a set out from them. Added extra page to Come to Crawford Website and will be broadcast live and saved for 90days. Hoping for trial run at may meeting.

**Ellen Myers** – has a situation with a pair of dogs running around and can be aggressive. They called the sheriff's office a few times but they can't figure out whose dogs they are. They may know but the person won't say anything. If the dog bites their clients who is liable? The county will not be liable for that due to not having an animal control. Attorney Ingle says it is a criminal offense to allow dog to run around. Used to have an agreement with Harrison County but they became overwhelmed because people were skipping the line and they started denying our requests. He knows someone he maybe able to get a contract with. Crecelius said to call him if he has an issue with a real aggressive dog.

**Claims Dockets** – 3/11/2025 to 4/8/2025. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**Minutes** – 3/11/2025 and 3/25/2025. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**Payroll** – 2/28/2025, 3/14/2025, and 3/28/2025. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

**XSoft Contract** – Attorney Ingle had questions about total overall. Would like clarification before voting on the contract.

**Commissioner Dan Crecelius** – Archives had a leak in the roof. They secured the area, the adjuster was called and they are working on it.

Being no further evidence to come before the Commissioner's meeting, Ingle motion to adjourn, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0. Adjourned at 6:02PM.

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Motion Dale  
Larry Ingle  
Dale

**Nay**

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Attest

Wendy Marples Wendy Marples, Crawford County Auditor