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Crawford County, Illinois
County Board Agenda
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Crawford County Annex, Board Room
100 Douglas St, Robinson, IL 62454

County Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in Honor of Former Board Chairman, Joe Bliss & Prayer

Roll Call of Board Members

Approval of Meeting Minutes –April 10, 2025

Roll Call of Department Heads & Reports

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – April 2025

County Board Committee Reports

Administrator’s Report

Don Lachemayr re: Solar Farms

Public Comment (*Identify and State Concern*)

*5 Minute Time Limit

1. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Discussion and possible Approval of the Re-Appointment of Lyle Crane to the Eaton Water District Board of Trustees, term to expire May 1, 2030.
- b. Discussion and possible Approval of the Re-Appointment of Gregory Martin to the Eaton Water District Board of Trustees, term to expire May 1, 2030.
- c. Discussion and possible Approval of the Appointment of Lesia McBenge to the Crawford County 911 Authority.
- d. Discussion and possible Approval of the Appointment of Travis Miller to the Crawford County 911 Authority.
- e. Discussion and possible Approval of Agreement for Animal Control Administrator.

2. **Old Business**

3. **New Business**

4. **Claims Consent Agenda**

- a. April 2025 Claims

5. **Board Member Non-Action Items**

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6. **Closed Session**

7. Call for Adjournment

8. Adjourn

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session at the Crawford County Annex on Thursday, May 15, 2025. County Board Chair, William "Bill" Burke, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. A moment of silence was held to honor former County Board Chairman, Joe Bliss, followed by a prayer from Mike Delaney.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Upon roll call Charles "Chuck" Campbell, Michael Delaney, Cyndi Boyce, David Rains, Scott Sparks, Kim Wade-Decker, Tim Bennett, Joe Campanella, and William "Bill" Burke, Jr. were present.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Joe Campanella moved that the minutes of the April 10, 2025 County Board meeting be approved as presented. Chuck Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a "yea" vote.

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT HEADS & REPORTS

Roll Call and Reports were given by State's Attorney, Cole Shaner; Coroner, Earl Deckard; Makayla Maynard of the Crawford County Health Department; County Clerk, Beckie Staley; Crawford County Development Association, Resa Shaner; and Animal Control, Warden Adam McReynolds.

MOTION: Joe Campanella moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2025. Kim Wade-Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. *Treasurer's Report page 601*

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were given as follows: William "Bill" Burke, Jr. for Greater Wabash; Tim Bennett for Claims & Audit; William "Bill" Burke, Jr. for Finance; Cyndi Boyce for Legislative & Ethics; Scott Sparks for Solid Waste; Cat Rice for Broad Band; William "Bill" Burke, Jr. for Building and Grounds; Mike Delaney for Insurance; Kim Wade-Decker for Animal Control; and William "Bill" Burke, Jr. for Enterprise Zone and Community Involvement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Justin Greeley with Bellwether stated that he will be working on updating some of the County Ordinances. He also stated that the County might want to get ahead of the game and approve a BESS Ordinance. BESS is the battery storage used for solar farms. He will be getting with Cole on that. He also stated that we might want to tweak our Solar Farm Ordinance a little.

Don Lachemayr addressed the board about his concerns with the 1.5 mile buffer with the City of Robinson Zoning. He encourages the board to do whatever they can to not let the city control the County land.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Damon Mitchell approached the board regarding placing a plaque on the Courthouse lawn to honor local author, James Jones. The board suggested he attend a Building & Grounds Committee Meeting to figure out where it can or should be placed.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: David Rains moved to:

- a. Approve the Re-Appointment of Lyle Crane to the Eaton Water District Board of Trustees, term to expire May 1, 2030.
- b. Approve the Re-Appointment of Gregory Martin to the Eaton Water District Board of Trustees, term to expire May 1, 2030.
- c. Approve the Appointment of Lesia McBenge to the Crawford County 911 Authority, term to expire May 2027.
- d. Approve the Appointment of Travis Miller to Crawford County 911 Authority, term to expire May 2027.

And to remove "e" from the Agenda completely.

Scott Sparks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CLAIMS CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Joe Campanella moved to approve April 2025 Claims. Chuck Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

BOARD MEMBER NON-ACTION ITEMS

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CLOSED SESSION

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cyndi Boyce moved to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Kim Wade-Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a "yea" vote.

Meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Beckie Staley

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Crawford County Clerk