The Crawford County Commissioners met on Thursday July 18, 2013, for a regular meeting with the following present:

Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr. Chairman

Jack P. Lynch Commissioner

C. Sherman Allen Commissioner

Cheri Porter-Jackson Chief Clerk

Ted Watts, Esq Solicitor

Jody Marley CFO

Mark Weindorf Human Services Director

Allen Clark Emergency Management Director

Jane Giblin Crawford County Care Center Director

Nick Loiacona Chief Probation/Parole Officer

Gary Richardson Citizen

Gary Young Citizen

Sam Byrd Citizen

Konstantine Fekos Meadville Tribune

Kevin Tommaney Armstrong

Megan Hays Recording Secretary

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the July 3, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the July 9, 2013 and July 16, 2013 work session minutes. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $2,155,822.47 for the period ending July 17, 2013. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn announced that there was an executive session on July 3, 2013 for pending litigation.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the postage request from Domestic Relations in the amount of $3,000.00. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the US Department of Homeland Security Expedited Equipment Purchases in the amount of $41,675.00 to be reimbursed by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). (List attached to the minutes) Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve a letter requesting an increase in room fee at the Crawford County Care Center. This has not been done since 2008, and the costs to the Care Center have increased drastically since then. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the semi-annual payment of $5,000.00 to Peter Blystone, Esq. for services provided to the Register and Recorders office as a solicitor. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept and sign the award letter from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in regards to the Drug & Alcohol RIP Grant in the amount of $240,844.00, for the Adult Probation Department. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to accept and sign the award letter from PCCD in regards to the Intermediate Punishment Grant in the amount of $60,000.00, for the Adult Probation Department. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to ratify the approval of the Grant in Aid Application for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, for the Adult Probation Department. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to ratify the purchase of 2 large message boards and a literature rack for Woodcock Lake Park in the amount of $2,370.88 (costs will be reimbursed by the Greenways Block Grant). Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to ratify the Resolution authorizing the filing of a Proposal for funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) request Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for the development of a Housing Stabilization Case Manager position to assist the Homeless Shelters in Crawford County. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Children and Youth Services (CYS) and Early Intervention (EI) contracts for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 (as shown on the attached spreadsheet) and previously discussed at the preceding work session. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1 year subscription to Business and Legal Resources (a state specific, federal Human Resources (HR) compliance tool) in the amount of $2,390.00 for two users. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to ratify the Crown Benefits Payment for the week ending July 9, 2013 in the amount of $190,656.04. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to ratify the Crown Benefits Payment for week ending July 16, 2013 in the amount of $107,183.46. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the payment of a Weber Murphy Fox bill from May 2013 in the amount of $28,891.11. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the payment of a Weber Murphy Fox bill from June 2013 in the amount of $107,183.46. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the payment to Shafer Law Firm in the amount of $940.00 for services provided by Keith Button, Esq. In the case of Crawford County Redevelopment Authority, et at vs. Crawford County, et al. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Deeter Plumbing and Heating Payment Application #6 in the amount of $7,776.50 for utility separation at the Talon Facility. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Deeter Plumbing and Heating Close-Out Documents for utility separation at the Talon Facility. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the AM&P Electric Payment Application #3 in the amount of $7,776.50 for utility separation at the Talon Facility. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the AM&P Close-Out Documents for utility separation at the Talon Facility. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the hire and transfers in the attached packet. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment:

Mr. Byrd discussed how the Trayvon Martin case in Florida impacts things here in Crawford County and also discussed how a police officer in Oil City shot a 68 year old woman. Mr. Byrd also discussed how there is a 16 year old being held at the Crawford County Correctional Facility in solitary confinement because the County doesn’t have any place for him to be detained. He also stated that he is not here just to point out problems, but that he would like corrections.

Mr. Young apologized for getting heated at the last work session. He discussed that the Commissioners are allowed to convene a grand jury; Mr. Lynch told him that they were not able to do that and Mr. Young said that he will find out for sure. Mr. Young says that the Sheriff is in violation of the HATCH Act for being part of the Buckle Up program. He believes that the District Attorney owes them an apology for stating in the paper that the meetings are chaotic. Mr. Young stated that he believes that Mr. Fratus is doing everything and not Sheriff Hoke.

Mr. Richardson told the Commissioners “thank you” for removing the word Mental Retardation on the Salary Board agendas and replacing it with Special Needs.

There being no further business Mr. Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

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Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr., Chairman

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Jack P. Lynch, Commissioner

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C. Sherman Allen, Commissioner