The Crawford County Commissioners met on Thursday, October 1, 2015, for a regular meeting with the following present:

Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr. Chairman

Jack P. Lynch Commissioner

C. Sherman Allen Commissioner

Keith Button, Esq. Solicitor

Mark Lessig County Administrator

Cheri Porter Chief Clerk

Gina Chatfield Deputy Chief Clerk

Brian Connolly Chief Financial Officer

Christine Krzysiak Treasurer

Arlene Rodriguez Planning Director

Kevin Nicholson 911 Director

Dave Kennedy Jury Commissioner

Allen Clark Emergency Management Director

Gail Kelly Human Services Interim Director

Joe Galbo Chief Assessor

Leroy Stearns City of Meadville

Nick Hoke Sheriff

Keith Gushard Meadville Tribune

Gary Richardson Citizen

Sam Byrd Citizen

John Amato Citizen

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 17, 2015. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Sessions from September 22 & 29, 2015 Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $2,015,341.67 for the period ending September 30, 2015. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn announced that there were no Executive Sessions.

Public Comment:

Mr. Alexatos presented that he noticed that there has been 300 ft sidewalk by the bridge alongside the tool shop. He complained that out of all the years he lived in Meadville he has never seen anyone walk there. He continued to say that the sidewalk should have been put on Hank Street so that the sidewalk would have gotten some use. His next complaint was who would be the ones maintaining the sidewalk during the winter. He continued to say that the Commissioners only serve themselves and are not willing to help the people.

Mr. Byrd complained about the costs of the Mead Ave Bridge and how they are escalating. He also complained about other costs with in the county and how the laws aren’t being followed with how money is being spent.

Official Business:

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the refund to Michael Pierce for overpayment of taxes on a parcel in Sadsbury Township in the amount of $949.04. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the agreement with Armstrong for the Dark fibers at a cost of $1,960.00 per month, which is no cost increase over prior agreement. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Postage request for District Court 30-3-02 (Vernon) in the amount of $3,000. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Palmetto Postings Invoice for 2015 Upset Tax Sale Postings at a cost of $51,175.00. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the USDA Rural Housing Invoice in the amount of $2,550.00 that is a pass through to the United Way. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use of tower on Hatch Hill Road in East Mead Township. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the purchase of a receiver, antenna and related equipment for the Hatch Hill Tower at a cost of $15,700 from Motorola installation. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the cost of a receiver voter and related equipment for 911 centers for Hatch Hill Tower project at a cost of $9,851 from MOBILCOM.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the purchase of a 7’x12’ trailer, title and registration for $1,900 from Tom’s Auto in Titusville to transport EMA’s Kawasaki Mule, this was approved at the September 2015 LEPC meeting and will use Tier II funds. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the MOU with Vernon Central Hose Company to house and operate EMA’s Kawasaki Mule. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve MOU with Conneaut Lake Volunteer Fire Department to house and use ARGO. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the following appointees to the LEPC board to fill vacancies:

Dawn Mosbacher PA Dept. of Health

Evan Hasko Meadville Central Fire Dept.

Randy Taylor Meadville Medical Center

Kimberly Galford US Civil Air Patrol

Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the following Grant Contracts FY 15/16 and Professional Contracts FY 15/16:

  Crawford County Coalition on Housing Needs, Inc. (HSDF – Emergency Shelter) – Amendment

  Crawford County Coalition on Housing Needs, Inc. (HSDF – Transitional Housing) – Amendment

Professional Contracts FY 15/16

  Bonnie Van Nort

  Craig Psychological Associates, Inc.

  Edinboro Counseling & Psychological Services

  Kara Smith

  Martha Lyter Jones (Family Development Services)

  Project Point of Light, Inc.

  Shannon Deets Counseling, LLC

  Vocational & Psychological Services

  Wagner Behavioral Health Services, LLC

Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Maher Duessel 5 year Audit proposal for services at a cost reduction over the contract that was signed in 2013. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the 2015 Titusville Airport Allocation in the amount of $15,000.00. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the ratification of the Crown Benefits bill for the week ending September 11, 2015 in the amount of $103,359.16. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the ratification of the Crown Benefits bill for the week ending September 18, 2015 in the amount of $124,058.12. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

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Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the petition and filing for the vacancy of John Holt Way. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the “Deteriorated Area” as created by the City of Meadville by resolution on 9/2/2015. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve adopting the tax exemption schedule as enacted by the City of Meadville on 9/16/2015 (ordinance) No. 3742) pursuant to the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the New Hires/ Transfers detailed in the attached packet from Human Resources/ Payroll. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion was carried. (list to be attached to the minutes.

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