The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 4, 2016, for a regular meeting, with the following present:

Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr. Chairman

John M. Amato Vice-Chairman

John Christopher Soff Secretary/Treasurer

Keith Button, Esq. Solicitor

Mark Lessig County Administrator

Gina Chatfield Deputy Chief Clerk

Christine Krzysiak County Treasurer

Dave Kennedy Jury Commissioner

Chris Seeley Auditor

Keith Gushard Meadville Tribune

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Board Chairman. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Board Vice-Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Board Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Amato seconded the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Election Board Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Election Board Vice-Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Election Board Secretary. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Assessment Board of Revision Chairman. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Assessment Board of Revision Vice-Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Assessment Board of Revision Secretary. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Tax Claim Bureau Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Tax Claim Bureau Vice-Chairman. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Tax Claim Bureau Secretary. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Salary Board Chairman. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Salary Board Vice-Chairman. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Salary Board Secretary. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn made a motion to reappoint Mr. Button as the Solicitor to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Chairman of the County Retirement Board. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Vice-Chairman of the County Retirement Board. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Primary Commissioner Representative Member for the Northwest Regional Planning & Development Commission. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried. Based on the statute, this leaves Mr. Soff and Mr. Amato equally, as alternate members.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Commissioner Representative Member on the Crawford County Solid Waste Authority Board. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Primary Commissioner Representative Member for the Northwest Commission of the French Creek Council of Governments. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Alternate Commissioner Representative Member for the Northwest Commission of the French Creek Council of Governments. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Commissioner Representative Member of the Crawford County Planning Commission. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Commissioner Representative Member of the RSVP Board. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff to the Agricultural Extension Committee. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn to the Penn Soil Resource Conservation & Development Board. Mr. Amato seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato to the Work Force Investment Board. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Commissioner Representative Member to the Crawford Area Transportation Authority. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Commissioner Representative Member to the Crawford County Conservation District Board. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Weiderspahn as the Commissioner Representative Member to the Community Service Advisory Council. Mr. Soff seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Commissioner Representative Member to the Crawford County Drug & Alcohol Commission. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato to the Active Aging Advisory Council. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Button advised that as per the Statute, all three Commissioners are assigned to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Commissioner Representative Member to the Economic Progress Alliance. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Amato made a motion to appoint Mr. Soff as the Primary Commissioner Representative Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Soff made a motion to appoint Mr. Amato as the Alternate Commissioner Representative Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. Weiderspahn seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Weiderspahn presented a purchase request from MDJ 30-2-01 in Meadville for postage in the amount of $2,000. He stated that the 2015 budget was exhausted and they are in need of postage immediately. Mr. Soff expressed concern as to whether the new Judge would need to sign this request as there was a change of staff at this location. It was decided that the matter of requesting postage was a low risk issue and would be acceptable as is.

Mr. Weiderspahn advised that the next Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Conference Room. Mr. Soff stated that it is often difficult to hear in a room the size of the Assembly Room and suggested some type of speaker system. There was some discussion about the location of future Work Sessions, and it was decided that they will remain in the Conference Room until further notice.

Mr. Lessig spoke regarding the agendas and would like to begin using an excel format to create them. He believes that the Courts and Elected Officials should appear first on the agenda and the County Offices following. His biggest concern is the appearance on the agenda of the item cost and which account it will be paid from.

Mr. Lessig stated that he would like to see a new Finance position created for the Courts only. He feels that they should have more control over their finance matters in the case of items similar to postage requests.

Mr. Soff asked if all of the meetings for external organizations would be added to the calendar. Mr. Lessig advised that he would add each organizations meetings to the calendar.

With no further matters to discuss, Mr. Soff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Amato seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr., Chairman

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John M. Amato, Vice Chairman

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John Christopher Soff, Secretary/Treasurer