The Crawford County Commissioners met on Wednesday, November 12, at 7:20pm, for a special 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

Mark Lessig County Administrator

Chris Seeley Auditor

Nick Hoke Sheriff

Emmy Arnett Prothonotary

Katie Wickert Citizen

Cheryl Weiderspahn Citizen

Mary Schmidt Citizen

Sam Byrd Citizen

Gary Richardson Citizen

Keith Gushard Meadville Tribune

Mr. Weiderspahn opened the meeting.

Mr. Watts explained the purpose of the meeting and why it was done in a public forum. He stated that the statute, with regard to salary increases, requires that a meeting be held so that everyone has an opportunity to attend. The Commissioners are required to set a salary schedule for elected officials, which, is a percentage increase rather than a cost of living increase. Additionally, this cannot take place during an election year. This increase will affect the Commissioners, Sheriff, Prothonotary, Register of Deeds and Register of Wills, Coroner, Treasurer, Clerk of Court and Orphans Court, Jury Commissioners and Auditor. This does not affect the Tax Claim Bureau.

Mr. Lynch advised that there has not been an increase for the Commissioners since 2011 and that they are anticipating some things that will need funding next year. Therefore, the Commissioners accept a lesser increase for this period than in the past, which was 3-4%.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to set the increase at 2% per year for all positions, for years 2018 and 2019. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and it carries.

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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