

Crawford County Commissioner's Public Hearing May 13, 2025, at 3:30pm. Members present were Dale, Ingle, and Crecelius. Also present was Auditor Marples and Attorney Ingle. Petition to vacate Public Right of way in Crawford County.

Attorney Ingle – According to IC 7-3-12, it appears Mr. Burgher has everything in order to proceed with the Public Hearing. Two parties involved are Eric Watts and William Sheller. Board will need to consider approving or denying petition to vacate based on IC 36-7-3-13. Number one would it hinder the growth of the neighborhood. Number two would it make public access to land inconvenient or difficult. Number three would it hinder the public access to a church, school, or other public building or place. Number four would it hinder the use of a public way in the neighborhood in which it is located for which it borders.

Attorney Burgher – detailed the area of where the county road is. Provided survey. Discussion of the area commenced.

Commissioner Dale – Asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak in objection to the request. No one spoke.

Attorney Ingle – It's up to the petitioners how they want it done. Attorney Burgher provided the ordinance to be vacated which is the transfer document that would be recorder and induce the Auditor to transfer ownership to the appropriate parties.

Commissioner Dale – Asked if there were any questions from the other commissioners. No further questions were raised. Commissioner Ingle made a motion to proceed with the vacation of the Right of way, Crecelius seconded, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, Ingle motioned to adjourn the meeting, Crecelius seconded. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 340pm.

Crawford County Commissioners Regular Hearing was called to order on May 13, 2025, at 3:42pm.

Sarah Alstott with Transportation Systems Signatures – 5311 Grant funds to provide transportation to low or no cost to Crawford County Residents. Provided statistics of how they helped residents over the previous years. Provided the authorizing resolution. Same as last years. The Auditor would be the one to sign it. Crecelius made a motion to approve the authorization of the resolution, Ingle seconded, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Jessica and Joe Schigur – Investor purchased property by Highschool. The road doesn't have a name. Asked if commissioners would adopt the road and name it to make it easier for 911 purposes. Attorney Ingle mentioned for it to be a road to identified for purposes of 911 it would be something to go through the post office. Auditor Marples mentioned that she would have to go through dispatch, but the problem is that the road doesn't have a name at all, and dispatch will only assign a number. Jessica provided a map of the area. Discussion about how many people will be back there. Attorney Ingle advised the commissioners that they could pass an ordinance naming the road but it will have to have a property description but that is different from adding it to the highway inventory and taking over the maintenance of the road. Discussion about the road and the area commenced. Dale asked if they would like the road named or if they want the County Highway Department to adopt it and maintain it. Joe

agreed that would be nice. Attorney Ingle spoke about bringing it up to County specifications before they took it over, but today they would need a property description to name the road. Discussion about the survey ensued. Simple Ordinance and a large copy of the survey is requested by Attorney Ingle. Dispatch will need a new range of numbers once the road is named and then they must go to the post office. This will reconvene at the next meeting June 10, 2025, at 4pm. The road will be named after the investor Elvin Burkes' son who passed away named Barron.

John Riley – site at the end of Ramsey lane requesting to add the road back to the inventory. Highway Department Superintendent Bender stated he and Commissioner Crecelius went and looked at the site and found that it is part of the inventory according to the 1978 map. He has a document for them to sign that will add it back to the inventory to be able to take care of it. Recent rains made the road hard to drive on.

Bobbie Able – Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank – Giving Updates. Acquires properties that are in bad shape or vacant and remodels them in hopes of making affordable housing for Crawford County. Met with Economical Development to discuss several properties. She discussed different properties that they were looking into as well as others in other counties. Discussed their new active website that sales properties. The land bank thanks the county for continuing to work with them.

Auditor Marples – Attorney Zack Stewart wasn't present but wanted to make it known his public hearing will be June 10, 2025, at 330pm, in regard to vacating a section of Green street and an adjacent alley in Grantsburg for Kenneth and Lorna Cook.

Carl Faulkenburg – Lives on Zahn road towards Grantsburg. had problems getting internet. Was hoping mainstream would do something. Spoke with them and they said no because it's 2000 ft away. He asked them to look into it again and they said they would have to have Duke power to allow them to go up their road. He asked if there was anything they could do. Commissioner Dale said that they have no authority over the internet services who come through the county. Mainstream is looking into possible grants but can't tell when that will happen. Jessie Belcher asked if the other families on the road would commit to getting Mainstream and he said he didn't know. It was recommended to speak with Frontier. Someone recommended Viastat.

Highway Department Superintendent Bender – gave notice for paving of CCMG 2024 and waiting on a start date from contractor.

Emergency Slide repair and proposals obtained for Alton Fredonia Road include professional engineer stamp. E&B Paving - \$431,210. Request quote be approved contingent upon council approval of funds. Dale mentioned the temporary road repair is approximately \$62,000 so the total project estimates \$493,210. Crecelius motioned to approve the E&B Paving Proposal, Ingle seconded, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Update on FEMA estimates. EMA director and Superintendent Bender will be meeting with FEMA on Saturday to discuss damages. They are applying for a Presidential Declaration, and the governor did submit it.

2024 Certified Road Inventory 466.89 Miles. Audited the roads again and that will add additional 7.36 miles to the inventory. Would like the commissioners to sign off on these additions. Crecelius motioned to add the roads to the inventory, Ingle seconded, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Crecelius – Maintenance issue with courthouse. Grease trap looks like its cracked and will need to speak with the council about it.

Auditor Marples – X Soft software. Attorney Ingle got his questions answered from last meeting and approved the contract. Motion to approve upon council approval made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Minutes – Regular meeting 4/8/2025, Special Meeting 4/21/2025, Special Meeting 4/25/2025. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Board of finance Minutes 1/30/2025 – Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Claims – 4/10/2025 to present. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote with 3-0.

Payroll – 4/11/2025 and 4/25/2025. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

MFA Oil agreement – May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 contract Fredonia Community Center and one for Commissioners of Crawford County for propane. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Appointment to Tourism Board – Would like to reappoint Karen Hanger to the board. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Appointment to English Fire Protection Board – would like Christian Roll to serve the remaining term of Dale Roll. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Ingle – County need to keep in mind that it's lost 3 people in the last month. Rhonda Crecelius, Dale Roll, and Rick Grider. Would like for everyone to keep their families in mind. Held Moment of Silence.

Commissioner Crecelius – Discussed damage at Annex. The roof was wear and tear. One response from Schwartz \$3,950.

Attorney Ingle – Closing of road by Judge Lopp in 1996. Petition was filed in front of previous Commissioners. It looks as if the law was changed. The county entered into the agreement to close the road. The only way it could be opened was if the landowners on both sides agreed. Stempley Rd which is less than a mile is closed and cannot be reopened.

Being no further evidence to be brought before the Commissioners, Ingle motioned to adjourn, Crecelius seconded, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0

Adjourned at 4:55pm.

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Monty Dale
Larry Doyle
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Attest

Wendy Marples

Wendy Marples, Crawford County Auditor