

The Crawford County Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 14, 2025, at 4:00PM. The members were present: Crecelius, Ingle, and Dale. Also in attendance was Auditor Marples and Attorney Gordon Ingle.

Jessica Starr – representing English Volunteer Fire department. They have to fulfill Mike Benham's position on the English Fire District Board. On September 3, 2025, the board met and voted to replace him with Christian Roll who is not the acting Assistant Chief. Needs commissioner approval. Motion to appoint Christian Roll to replace Mike Benham made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Annual Bids –

- C & R Constructions - Item #1
- C & R Construction - Item #3
- C & R construction – Item #6
- Asphalt Materials Inc. – Item #6
- Mulzer Crushed Stone – Item #1
- E & B Paving Inc – Item #2
- CE Hughes Milling Inc. – Item #5
- JH Rudolph – Item #2
- Cave Quarries Inc. – Item #1
- Cave Quarries Inc. – Item #2
- Premier Energy –
- Robinson Crushed Stone – not in proper form.

Commissioner's will take the Bids under advisement and will take time to review all of the bids and will make a decision by November 4, 2025.

Economic Development Director Jesse Belcher – Working with Jennifer from Region 15 who wrote grants and administered grants. She is the local expert. Discussed the grant. Tell City and French Lick were awarded for grants Orange County is applying now. Counties can apply up to \$500,000. Towns and Cities can apply up to \$350,000. Requires up to 10% of total budget cost match. Do not limit the number of applications per round. 4 Rounds per year. Very quick turnaround. Motion to move forward with the application process contingent upon Council approval made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Highway Department Superintendent Chance Bender – Provided two letters to sign for Community Crossing Matching Grant Financial commitment letter. Submitting 2 applications to INDOT, one for chip seal overlays and one for Asphalt. Our obligation for Chip Seal would be \$212,035 and for Asphalt it would be \$100,177. Motion to approve contingent upon council approval made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

INDOT updated application process required that the Board of Commissioner's designate the President of the Commissioner's the ability to DocuSign the application. Motion to approve the President of the Commissioner's the authority to DocuSign the application for Crawford County Community Crossing made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Emergency Bridge replacement on Highfill Chapel road. Quote from Civil Con. President Dale mentioned the Commissioner's did declare this an emergency due to bridge is 6 weeks out for delivery, and not going to make it without having to shut the road down. It is a school bus route and an emergency project. Cost was \$226,096.10. It could be less but that is the estimated install price. Board of Commissioner's declared this an emergency project due to the importance of the roadway. Motion to ratify the emergency action taken by the board of Commissioner's made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Motion to approve the Civil Con Bid of \$226,096.10 made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Final Billings for Community Crossings pre-approval of claims for the Auditor to be able to pay as they come in made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Attorney Ingle – Document signed revised lease agreement with Verizon stating Tower was built after March 16, 2001. Section 106 review process was marked out and he put not applicable and initialed it. Discussed different parts of the contract. Agrees for President Dale and Auditor Marples to sign it in addition to the agreement that was signed at the special meeting. Motion to approve the Verizon Contract made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Pre-approval of Claims – Motion to allow Auditor to pay claims after the Council signs off on the additional made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Minutes – Special 9/29/2025. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Claim Dockets – 9/9/2025 to current. Motion to approve made by Ingle, seconded by Crecelius, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Payroll Dockets – 9/12/2025 and 9/26/2025. Motion to approve made by Crecelius, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner's reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report for the first Quarter. No Clerk Report was received.

EMS Director Tim Farris – requested a copier for South Station. Auditor stated that he would have to add it to the contract now. She will have to call and ask for a quote.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners' Meeting, Crecelius motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ingle, Dale agreed. Motion approved with a vote 3-0. Adjourned at 4:53PM.

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Morton Dale
Larry Ingle
Dale Crecelius

ATTEST

Lora N Phelps

NAY

Wendy Marples, Crawford County Auditor
Lora N Phelps, Chief Deputy Auditor