

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2018**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Farrow called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners A. James Nance, Wallace Mathis, Larry Felton and J. R. Dowdy, Jr. in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Tom Patton, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Linda Finch. Commissioner Dowdy gave the invocation and Administrator Patton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chairman Farrow welcomed all in attendance.

ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR NEW BANK ACCOUNT

Mrs. Leverett reported that we need to open a separate bank account for our ACH deposits. She read the resolution authorizing the ACH transactions for the county clearing account and advised that it will be for payments from vendors and all the transactions will be electronic. **Motion was made by Mr. Dowdy to Adopt the Resolution Crisp County Board of Commissioners – ACH Clearing Account, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Felton to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried with all commissioners agreeing to go into Executive Session.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried with all commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

UPDATE ON PICKENS POOL

Commissioner Felton asked if Pickens Pool was going to be open this summer. Administrator Patton said his recommendation is to not to open the pool. He gave all commissioners a report regarding Pickens Pool after the ground penetration radar was used on the pool. He advised that the pool does have voids under it; the engineer said that this pool was the worst he has seen in Georgia. Commissioner Felton stated he would like a statement in writing from the guy stating that the pool was dangerous so they can put it at the gate as the people in that area say the commissioners haven't done anything about this problem and it has been going on two to three years. Administrator Patton stated that the funding for replacing this pool is in this SPLOST; we didn't have the money before. Chairman Farrow agreed with Mr. Felton that this should have been addressed three years ago; we thought we were going to patch it but really it should have already been fixed. Mr. Dowdy agreed that what Mr. Felton is asking for is not an unreasonable request to get the guy to say what his recommendation is. Mr. Mathis advised that if we know we are not going to use it we can punch a few holes in it and stick a rod in the holes; Administrator Patton advised that we don't want to punch holes in the floor of the pool until we know we are going to demo it. Mr. Felton advised that we need to get something for the kids in that area to

do since school is out, and it is Eric's job to get out in the community and let people know what is going on because nobody really knows what is going on with Pickens pool. Mr. Nance advised that he will call the guy who wrote the report and see what he says about it. Chairman Farrow stated to definitely look and see if we can get an official statement from the guy but if we can patch it and go again, it definitely needs to happen. Mr. Nance advised that the report said it has been leaking for a while. Administrator Patton advised that we are now losing about 120 gallons a month. Mrs. Leverett advised that it would be a chore to even maintain the chemicals losing that many gallons of water a month. Mr. Felton stated that we need to at least keep the gym open on Friday and Saturday during the summer since the kids will not have anywhere to go. Mr. Nance agreed that we do need to have the gym open particularly during the summer, not only for kids but seniors and other activities; he does understand that it also costs. Administrator Patton said they are looking at other things to do in that area.

MR. WHELITZ COMMENTS

Rick Whelitz, who missed the budget public hearing, stated that he thinks one of the reasons we can't get industry in the county is because of property taxes being high, and the county needs to look at getting smaller industries so if a business closes it will not affect as many people as it would if a big industry closes. Chairman Farrow stated that the IDA is looking at smaller companies and another thing they are doing is helping the existing industries we have to stay here and grow.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

Sam Farrow, Jr., Chairman

Tom Patton, Administrator