

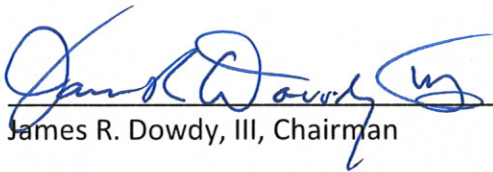
**CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

Present at the work session: Crisp County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Dowdy, Larry Felton, Sam Farrow, Jr., James Nance, Mark Crenshaw, County Administrator Clark Harrell, and Finance Director Sherrie Leverett. Also present was Neil McGahee from the Cordele Dispatch.

Chairman Dowdy called the work session to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Crisp County Board Room. Skip Starling from the National Fire Services Office addressed the Commissioners. He presented a presentation as to the status of Crisp County Fire and Rescue regarding the current ISO status and the future of maintaining the current fire rating. Mr. Starling also advised the ISO rates directly affect homeowner insurance premiums. Mr. Starling informed the Commissioners that a minimum level of staffing, which is a 4-firefighter minimum, is required per fire station. Crisp County's current firefighter staffing is 19 with five fire stations staffed and one station not staffed. To be compliant with Fire Fighter Standards and Training along with ISO, six fire stations should be staffed with 24 firefighters, which is the minimum level of staffing. An additional station, needed in North Crisp County, will increase staffing by another four firefighters. By not increasing firefighter staff, the result will be to close two fire stations, resulting in an increase in homeowner insurance premiums. The decision will have to be made to either increase staff or close two fire stations. In addition, tankers should be considered to lower ISO rates. County Administrator, Clark Harrell, has agreed to work with Skip Starling on developing a plan that works for Crisp County.

Toby Coleman, Crisp County Maintenance Director, addressed the Commissioners concerning the roof failure of the courthouse annex building. The annex building is the office to the NRCS, FSA, and the UGA Extension office. These offices have been vacated due to the roof failure. The county hired Matt Ellis, P.E. with Pi-Tech, Inc., to evaluate the existing roof and the structural integrity of the building. Dublin Construction provided a quote of \$98,000 to repair the existing roof and a quote of \$219,235 to replace the roof. The Commissioners will discuss the options and vote on this matter at the next regular scheduled commission meeting.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned the work session at 2:40 p.m.

  
James R. Dowdy, III, Chairman

  
Clark Harrell, Administrator