

# Crawford County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson, at 9:31 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 21st day of October, 2009.

Invocation by Commissioner Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

Roll Call: Stephenson, Hanson, Pinkelman, Lange, and Anderson.

Absent – Beardslee and Rogers.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk-Register of Deeds - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Stan & Jeanne Prevost, Jim Pratt, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Ken Riehle, Don Babcock, and Mary Jergenson.

### Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to approve the Minutes for the September 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### Approval of the Special Board Budget Minutes

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Hanson, to approve the Minutes for the September 30, 2009 Special Board Budget Meeting as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### Brief Public Comment - None.

### Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize payment of the following claims:

#### General Fund:

Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	
Prepaid Invoices	269,204.09
Gross Payroll	242,568.13
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>511,772.22</b>

#### Millage/Road Patrol Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	1,665.65
Gross Payroll	21,058.97
<b>Total Millage Fund</b>	<b>22,724.62</b>

#### Title V Planning Grant

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	359.00
Gross Payroll	858.58
<b>Total Title V Fund</b>	<b>1,217.58</b>

#### Tri-County 46th Trial Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	4,081.29
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Tri-County Court</b>	<b>4,081.29</b>

#### Friend of the Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	3,077.79
Gross Payroll	11,674.81
<b>Total Friend of the Court</b>	<b>14,752.60</b>

**Sports Complex Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	89,328.43
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Sports Complex Fund</b>	<b>89,328.43</b>

**Enforcement/Recycle Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	786.87
Gross Payroll	2,673.58
<b>Total Enforcement Fund</b>	<b>3,460.45</b>

**COPS in Schools Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	366.13
Gross Payroll	2,690.82
<b>Total COPS Fund</b>	<b>3,056.95</b>

**Building & Zoning Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	150.43
Gross Payroll	3,449.76
<b>Total Building &amp; Zoning Fund</b>	<b>3,600.19</b>

**MSU Cooperative Extension Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	3,589.57
Gross Payroll	996.30
<b>Total MSU fund</b>	<b>4,585.87</b>

**Central Dispatch Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	107.31
Gross Payroll	19,266.54
<b>Total Central Dispatch Fund</b>	<b>19,373.85</b>

**Law Library Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	581.27
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Library Fund</b>	<b>581.27</b>

**Family/Probate Court**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	20,447.52
Gross Payroll	7,493.96
<b>Total Family/Probate Court</b>	<b>27,941.48</b>

**County Bldg. Renovation Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	129,763.65
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Renovation Fund</b>	<b>129,763.65</b>

**Fish Hatchery Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	71.84
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Fish Fund</b>	<b>71.84</b>

Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Stephenson - aye, Motion Carried.

**Approval Correspondence**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to accept the correspondence as submitted. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

## Correspondence

1. Allegan County Board – Resolution in opposition to current lien funding formula.
2. Huron County Board – Resolution insisting the state government adhere to ALL the payments in full to counties.
3. Oakland County Board – Resolution in support for the continuation of the Michigan State Fair.
4. Oceana County Board – Resolution in support that the Michigan Department of Agriculture remain a stand alone department of the State of Michigan.
5. Oceana County Board – Resolution in opposition of merger as agriculture is big business in the State of Michigan.
6. Oscoda County Board – Resolution in support of HB 4785 & 4786.
7. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church – Commending board of their stand against cage fighting on county property.
8. DEQ – Landfill inspection in compliance.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to submit a letter of congratulations to Waste Management for passing another year of inspections at the landfill. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

9. MAC – Legislative updates for September 11, 18, 28 and October 2 & 9, 2009.
10. Michigan Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing for Basic Local Exchange Service on October 8, 2009.
11. DNR – Open House and Compartment Review – Wednesday, October 14, 2009.
12. Education Association of MI, LLC – City of Jackson seeking City Manager.
13. The Mining Journal – New Super Department to include DNR, DEQ and Agriculture.
14. NEMCOG – Notification of Huron-Manistee National Forests to implement the Forest-wide Dam Maintenance Project.
15. NEMCOG - Notice of intent by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency to apply for federal assistance for Early Head Start Expansion.
16. VanBuren County Board – Resolution in support of Kent County filing a class-action lawsuit against the Department of Human Service to prevent the State from charging counties for the additional supervision expenses.
17. MAC – Announcement of MAC Agriculture and Tourism Subcommittee.
18. Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association – The Ripples summer 2009 newsletter.
19. MTA for Crawford County – Resolution requesting road millage request be used to fund the repair and maintenance of roads exclusively within the Road Commission jurisdiction.
20. VanBuren County Board – Resolution supporting Michigan tourism.
21. SaVoy Energy, LP – Application for permit to drill in Lovells Township.
22. DNR – Oil & Gas Lease Auction 10-27-09 at Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.
23. John Chad – Happi-Trails ATV Club meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Happi Days, Frederic and update on ATV happenings county wide.
24. Oceana County Board – Resolution in support of Sheriff’s opposition to current lien funding formula.
25. DEQ – Pending new source review application report.
26. Todd Gyulveszi – Resignation from Grayling Recreation Authority Board effective immediately.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to accept the resignation of Todd Gyulveszi from the Grayling Recreation Authority Board effective immediately

and send a letter of regrets. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lange inquired whether the Chairman could appoint Controller Compo as a Grayling Recreation Authority Board Member as their board meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8:00 a.m. The Clerk to advertise for the vacant position.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to appoint Controller Compo as an Interim Board Member of the Grayling Recreation Authority Committee. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **Library Board Application and Interview**

Grayling Township resident Ron Joyce reapplied for the Library vacancy and an interview was conducted.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Clerk Report**

County Clerk Sandra Moore advised she received a postcard from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health regarding the “Art of Recovery” scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009. The Clerk also received a postcard from MAC for the National Save for Retirement Week, October 18 – 24, 2009.

#### **Controller Report**

Controller Paul Compo advised our Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates will change as the county will be experience rated at ERS 50-59. Chairman Stephenson requested the rates be looked at closely before the May deadline. Commissioner Pinkelman suggested the Controller contact Linda VanGills as the Health Department gets a better rate. Commissioner Lange advised we may be able to modify the plan design. The Controller to review all options prior to the change.

Controller Compo circulated changes in SEV within the residential class due to the new sales study. The Controller reported the entire State is feeling the reduction, however, Crawford County is able to maintain this year, however, 2010 and 2011 could prove to be significant cuts. Commercial rates are holding their own, however residential will be greatly affected, and could be drastic in 2011 and 2012.

The State will not grant jail reimbursements for the 4th quarter 2009 and fiscal year 2010. A jail reversion program resolution will be forthcoming for consideration.

The Controller advised the State payment in lieu of tax (PILT) will be cut 12% which could be more then \$20,000 for 2010.

NEMCOG is pursuing a energy grant for all nine (9) counties, which will include Crawford County. A walk through has been performed and there will be more information forthcoming.

### **Economic Development Fund**

Controller Compo requested the Board close the Economic Development Committee Fund as it has been dormant for some time.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to close the Economic Development Committee Fund 222 which has been dormant for some time. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

**Recess** at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Road Commission Millage Update**

City Council has not resolved this issue and will meet Monday, October 26, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. The County Board will have to establish a special meeting to accommodate action on the apportionment report. Discussion followed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to establish a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 4:30 for action on the Apportionment Report. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **FY2009 General Fund Budget Amendments**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to accept the FY2009 General Fund Budget Amendments in a revenue amount of \$5,494,810. and expense amount of \$5,383,810. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **FY2009 Restricted Fund Budget Amendments**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to accept the FY2009 Restricted Fund Budget Amendments in the following amounts:

	Revenues	Expenses
Fund 218 – Sports Complex	\$180,000	\$180,000
Fund 228 – Environmental	164,000	164,000
Fund 264 - Correction	2,900	2,300
Fund 292 – Child Care	498,388	498,388
Fund 293 – Soldiers & Sailors	6,050	6,050

Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

### **Commissioners Reports**

**Commissioner Rogers** – The Commissioner was absent.

**Commissioner Hanson** - The Commissioner reported his Personnel & Labor Committee recommendation.

### **General Policy Manual Amendment**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adopt the General Policy Manual Amendment as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Pinkelman** - The Commissioner advised she had no Law Enforcement Committee recommendations to make. The Commissioner indicated she is meeting with the MSU Extension for Crawford County to discuss future structure of MSU.

**Commissioner Lange** – The Commissioner reported his Ways & Means Committee recommendations.

### **Sports Complex Survey of Baseball Fields**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to enter into a contract for professional Services for a survey boundary and partial topographical survey and mapping for baseball fields on the north part of the sports complex property in the amount not to exceed \$10,000. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Airport Startup Costs**

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to move forward with the airport agreement and authorize the startup costs in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 contingent on a signed lease with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Soccer Fields Project for Professional Services**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize approval to amend the Crawford County Soccer Fields Project costs with Gosling, Czubak Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,800. Roll Call: Rogers – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Ungoing Litigation**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize Attorney William Parker to proceed as discussed in closed session on October 1, 2009. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Stephenson** – The Commissioner advised the military under the support of the Community Mental Health is implementing a new “Buddy System 1 (within Military System) & Buddy System 2 (outside Military counseling) for Vets returning from war” as the State and Federal government will no longer provide the necessary funds to assist our veterans.

**Commissioner Anderson** – The Commissioner deferred remarks until later in the meeting.

**Commissioner Beardslee** – The Commissioner was absent.

### **New Business**

#### **Appointment of Library Board Member**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Hanson, to reappoint Cheryl Ruley to the Library Board for a term ending 10-31-14. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **2009 Millage Apportionment Report**

Moved to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Construction Tracking Document**

Controller Compo reviewed the Construction Tracking Document with multiple issues being discussed with the building project committee. The Controller requested approval for change order #3.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to authorize an increase in Change Order #3 for the building and site improvements – phase 1 in the amount of \$3,733.50. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – absent, Motion Carried.

### **Letter of Understanding – Retiree Insurance Re-Enrollment**

Controller Compo advised a change is necessary for retiree’s to come back into employment upon retirement and be re-enrolled in the Retiree Health Plan they are entitled to.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to accept the Letter of Understanding between the County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff and COAM for Retiree Insurance Re-Enrollment (Proposed Section 15.2 (F)) and allow the Chairman to sign the document. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers - absent, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Two Year Master Plan for County Recycling Center**

A letter was received and distributed from Tom Kozlowski, South Branch Supervisor regarding the three (3) year master plan for county-wide recycling.

The Controller further reported Bruce Patrick plans to retire December 19, 2009. Discussion followed to place the retirement of Bruce Patrick on the Personnel & Labor November agenda.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to place the three (3) year Master Plan for County-wide Recycling and October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 letter from South Branch Township on the November Ways & Means Meeting. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Hanson offered to prepare a resolution in opposition to current lien funding formula for the Sheriff's Department for the November Regular Board Meeting.

### **Resolution Opposing State Imposed Unfunded Mandates**

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to adopt a Resolution Opposing State Imposed Unfunded Mandates as presented. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers - absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Resolution Supporting Kirtland Community College Baccalaureate Authority**

Commissioner Anderson advised he met with KCC President and toured the M-Tec Center and explained the reason the county needs this resolution is the four (4) year RN program is in high demand. There has been threats to close schools, tuition has been frozen and there is a serious need to support Kirtland Community College.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to adopt resolution 102109-KCC to support Kirtland Community College Baccalaureate Authority. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers - absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

### **Citizens to Speak**

Tim Pratt inquired on what was the fees the county had to pay for the 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit Trial Court lawsuit. The Board advised the county was obligated to pay \$450,000 even after winning the case through the Supreme Court.

Grayling Visitor Bureau Director, Ilene Geiss-Wilson advised the Visitors Bureau has a new website: [www.Grayling.US](http://www.Grayling.US)

### **Executive Session**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to enter into an executive session and allow the Road Commission Manager Don Babcock and Road Commission Chairman Ken Riehle to attend the session. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers - absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 11:17 a.m. and concluded at 11:58 a.m.

### **Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Hanson, second by Pinkelman, to accept the October 1, 2009 Executive Session Minutes as read. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to waive the Attorney Client Privilege on the County reference letter for the County Road Millage. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **Announcements**

Controller Compo advised Commissioner Beardslee left a voice mail and they are waiting results after Gayle's 2<sup>nd</sup> round of chemotherapy. The Commissioner indicated if she is in remission they will seek 100-day treatment plan in Detroit and thanked members for their continued prayers.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adjourn meeting at 11:58 p.m. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

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Dave Stephenson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds