

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson at 9:32 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 16th day of December, 2009.

Invocation by Commissioner Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

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

Absent – Beardslee.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Brian Ashton, Mary Jergensen, Jack Mahank, Alice Snyder, Kim Butwell, Paul Olson, Linda Munsey and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to approve the Minutes for the November 18, 2009 meeting as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Special Board Minutes

Motion by Hanson, second by Anderson, to approve the Special Minutes for the November 30, 2009 meeting as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, Brian Ashton inquired on where the Board stands on the County Recycling Program document. Chairman Stephenson advised the document was approved November 18th, 2009. County Controller Paul Compo indicated there was an over site in the makeup of the members of the Recycling Board, however, the issue has now been rectified. The Board reassured there won't be a problem if the board complies with the document adopted.

State Senator Tony Stamas' aid Mary Jergenson indicated it has been a pleasure working with Commissioners and is looking forward to another year.

Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

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

General Fund:

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Rep" | 28,810.92 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 239,710.12 |
| Gross Payroll | 193,251.23 |
| Total General Fund | 461,772.27 |

Millage/Road Patrol Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 1,149.95 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 45,324.76 |
| Gross Payroll | 19,170.74 |
| Total Millage Fund | 65,645.45 |

Title V Planning Grant

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 178.08 |
| Gross Payroll | 589.80 |
| Total Title V Fund | 767.88 |

Tri-County 46th Trial Court

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 3,587.83 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Tri-County Court | <u>3,587.83</u> |

Friend of the Court

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 357.67 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 2,515.48 |
| Gross Payroll | 11,675.39 |
| Total Friend of the Court | <u>14,548.54</u> |

Sports Complex Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 4,750.00 |
| Prepaid Invoices | |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Sports Complex Fund | <u>4,750.00</u> |

Family Counseling Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 196.00 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Family Counseling Fund | <u>196.00</u> |

Enforcement/Recycle Fund

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 897.29 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 16,320.15 |
| Gross Payroll | 2,727.06 |
| Total Enforcement Fund | <u>19,944.50</u> |

COPS in Schools Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 38.67 |
| Gross Payroll | 4,063.78 |
| Total COPS Fund | <u>4,102.45</u> |

Building & Zoning Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 2,074.42 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 157.06 |
| Gross Payroll | 3,518.76 |
| Total Building & Zoning Fund | <u>5,750.24</u> |

D.A.R.E. Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 500.00 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total DARE Fund | <u>500.00</u> |

MSU Cooperative Extension Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 1,690.06 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 2,140.60 |
| Gross Payroll | 1,095.12 |
| Total MSU fund | <u>4,925.78</u> |

Central Dispatch Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 972.00 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 101.70 |
| Gross Payroll | 19,533.12 |
| Total Central Dispatch Fund | <u>20,606.82</u> |

Drug Enforcement Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 30.65 |
| Prepaid Invoices | |
| Gross Payroll | |

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| Total Drug Enforcement Fund | 30.65 |
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| <u>Courthouse Preservation Fund</u> | |
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 263.00 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Courthouse Preservation Fund | 263.00 |
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| <u>Law Library Fund</u> | |
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 33.24 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Library Fund | 33.24 |
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| <u>Family/Probate Court</u> | |
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 23,056.54 |
| Gross Payroll | 8,281.02 |
| Total Family/Probate Court | 31,337.56 |
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| <u>County Bldg. Renovation Fund</u> | |
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 16,040.27 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 143,476.43 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Renovation Fund | 159,516.70 |
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| <u>Fish Hatchery Fund</u> | |
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 29.86 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Fish Fund | 29.86 |

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

Approval Correspondence

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to accept the correspondence as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Correspondence

1. Alger County Board – Resolution opposing a veto of MSUE-MAS funding from the State of Michigan; Resolution opposing the Miwater ballot initiative; Resolution in support of the back forty joint venture (Hudbay Minerals/Aquila Resources; Resolution in support of merit curriculum adjustments to support career and technical education; Resolution supporting the adoption of legislation requiring the State’s of Michigan and Wisconsin to allow transfer of fire fighter training credentials.
2. Antrim County Board – Resolution supporting tourism throughout the State and allow for funding of the Pure Michigan program.
3. US Department of Commerce – 2010 Michigan Census contact list and information.
4. Grayling Generating Station – Requesting the county support the year-end tax extender bill to keep production tax credit (PTC) eligibility on life support with attached letters to Senator’s Stabenow and Levin and Congressman Stupak.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to encourage immediate support for an extension of the expiring tax provision for open-loop biomass power plants (HR 2528 and S.870) as regulatory burdens could jeopardize the economic viability for Grayling Generating Station and our business industry. To forward the cap and trade legislation letters to our Federal Elected Officials. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

5. MAC – Legislative updates for November 20 & 25, and December 4, & 11, 2009.
6. STING Scoop – Quarterly newsletter.
7. High Mount Exploration Production – Proposed Oil & Gas well Application to Drill.

8. Savoy Energy, L.P. – Application for Permit to Drill in South Branch Township.

COA Update and Annual Report

Commission on Aging Chairman, Jack Mahank advised the COA Board is a policy governance board and annually reviews its policies and introduced Director Snyder to report to the board. Commission on Aging Director, Alice Snyder appeared with her annual review and indicated over the past year, the Commission on Aging through its programs and services, served 50% of the Crawford County senior 60+ population. Ms. Snyder advised that seniors are getting more involved nation wide. COA ended FY2009 in the black with total revenues at \$590,448 and expenses at \$588,019. Ms. Snyder reviewed COA programs and activities offered during FY2009. Statistics were presented for the following services: Congregate meals for 773; Home delivered meals for 150; Homemaking service for 113; Personal care service for 27; Respite care service for 18; Senior Center activities for 955 and Food commodities/TEFAP for 128. COA is now offering computer classes through Kirtland Community College; Clogging classes; Quilting classes; the Vial of Life program, and the Wee Bowling program has become so popular that the center may have competitions with other counties. Ms. Snyder thanked Commissioner Lange and the Board for their diligence and efforts behind the relocation of the COA to the Fish Hatchery facility election even though it failed. A survey was submitted to Commissioners for their input on COA services. Commissioner Pinkelman thanked COA Director Snyder for her efforts. It was noted there are over 100 volunteers that participate with the many different services and an annual recognition event for those in April each year. Commissioner Anderson inquired on the Meals on Wheels programs and volunteer service. Ms. Snyder advised volunteers deliver meals on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and we now have a satellite meal program in Frederic and hope to offer the same program at South Branch and Beaver Creek facilities. The satellite program must first be approved through NEMSCA for FY2010 funding. There are discussions being pursued to extend the Dial-a-ride hours as seniors are having to cut short their meal schedule to accommodate the bus. Discussions are also made for Dial-a-ride to allow for Sunday AM hours to accommodate the Church service schedule. Commissioner Lange inquired on the status of the Lease Agreement. Ms. Snyder advised COA has been operating without a lease since September, 2009 and now has a proposed lease to present to her board next week. It was noted that in the process of reviewing utilities for the building, the COA has also been paying for 28 apartments on their monthly billings. The issue will hopefully be resolved very soon. Jack Mahank complimented Director Snyder and indicated above the day-to-day operations Ms. Snyder serves in the following capacity: MI Directors of Services to the Aging Member; MI Association of Seniors Center Member; OSA State Advisory Council on Aging Member; Region 9 COA Director's Association President; Mercy Hospice Advisory Council; Crawford County Transportation Authority Advisory Council; Crawford County MSU Extension Advisory Council; Crawford County Christian Help Center; AuSable Free Clinic Board; Grayling Mercy Hospital Board of Trustees and MI Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Crawford County Site Coordinator. Mr. Mahank advised the Senior Gazette circulation is approximately 1,600 in distribution and supported through advertising. Mr. Mahank and Ms. Snyder are planning presentations to offset printing costs which run around \$12,000.00 annually. Ms. Snyder offered various advertising suggestions for the Board's consideration. Mr. Mahank presented members with a COA volunteers gift in appreciation for the good working relationship COA has with the board.

Library Board Interviews

Kim Butwell appeared but was previously interviewed and Donna Johnson was absent.

Department Reports

Clerk Report / January Organizational and Committee Meeting Schedule

The Clerk advised she has established the Organizational meeting for Monday, January 4th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and inquired if the board would like the committee meetings to be held the same day or schedule for Thursday, January 7th, 2010 @ 3:30 p.m.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to establish the January Organization Meeting time at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010 and hold the January committee meetings immediately following the organization meeting. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Controller Report

The Controller advised County Auditors have started the FY2009 audit last week.

The Controller reported the building project change order was reviewed and there remains an issue with the ceiling and foyer lights. The certificate of occupancy is set for Monday, January 11th, with the punch list by January 20th. The Controller noted the landscaping, irrigation, site restoration, and staircase handrail will be performed in the spring. The doorknobs have been changed downstairs and they hope to change the main floor this week. Discussion ensued on the new court benches and what to do with the old ones. The knee wall in Circuit Court will have to be moved to accommodate proper seating. The Controller inquired whether the Board wanted to sell the benches through bid or to retain them and use the wood. It was decided the benches should be stored and utilize what we can. Discussion regarding timelines on the project was discussed and the board agreed to wait until the project is done and occupancy is granted before an amount per day is discussed.

Unfinished Business

Airport Lease Agreement

Controller Paul Compo advised the Military has agreed and signed the lease, he is awaiting the original copy. It was discussed to set the issue on the Ways & Means January meeting agenda.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to move the Airport Lease Agreement to the January 4th 2010 Ways and Means Meeting. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Resolution Honoring Environmental Official

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to adopt a resolution honoring Crawford County Environmental Official Bruce Patrick and wish him continued success in his retirement. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Rogers – The Commissioner advised the Library New Patron Policy has changed and it now requires parents to sign for minors under 18. Parents will be responsible for material borrowed and for minor's use of library and use of resources.

Commissioner Hanson - The Commissioner advised he has no Personnel and Labor Committee recommendations to report.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised she is continuing discussions with MSU Extension for use of the Fish Hatchery site. MSU Extension is interested in having a MSU Product Center with a test kitchen, Aqua Center for research at the Fish Hatchery, 4-H School Program, and Senior Health and Nutrition Programs. There is a State Sea Grant Program as well as Technology grants that may become available and MSU Fisheries and Wildlife have become quite interested in the project. The Commissioner is planning to pick up the building plans from Brad Butcher and Associations for review. The Commissioner reported her Law Enforcement Committee Recommendation.

COPS School Program for FY2009/10

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Rogers, to authorize the board to continue the COPS FY2009/10 School Program in an amount up to \$6,650.00. Roll Call: Hanson - aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lange –The Commissioner advised he has reviewed the Fish Hatchery drawings and remarked that the Health Department is interested in the second floor of the building, which would make a good fit with MSU Extension. The Commissioner reported his Ways & Means Committee Recommendation.

FY2010 Annual Child Care Fund and Budget

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Child Care Fund and Budget Plan as presented in the amount of \$594,182.70. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lange further invited members to walk through the County Building addition.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner reviewed the reasons behind the Allocation of State and Federal Substance Abuse Funds; The NEMSAS Resolution urging implementation of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula; and the Resolution for Gary McDowell.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to adopt the Resolution Urging Implementation of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula was withdraw.

Commissioner Beardslee – The Commissioner was absent.

New Business

MSHDA Grant Agreement

Commissioner Lange advised this grant is only for the defined area within the city limits.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to enter into the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Agreement between the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the County of Crawford with a maximum amount of grant assistance of \$243,900.00 until June 30, 2012 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson, aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution Urging Implementation of Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to adopt the resolution urging implementation of State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson, aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Recess at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

The Clerk advised she called Library applicant during the break and Donna Johnson was unaware of her interview today. The Clerk requested the interview be held January 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Summary of County Insurance Coverage

Paul Olson from Municipal Underwriter of Michigan advised the counties insurance has changed to reflect the court policy and a couple vehicles have been added. Mr. Olson reviewed the premise of the airport operations and advised the county needs a Fixed Base Operator policy. He will be contacting Gaylor Insurance Agency in Gaylord to get a quote as the policy must be through an aviation unit that has pollution coverage. Mr. Olson thanked commissioners for their past support.

Noise Ordinance

Motion by Lange, second by Anderson, to place the Noise Ordinance on the January Ways & Means Committee Meeting on January 4, 2010. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment

Linda Munsey thanked members for their support to the Commission on Aging and wished the Board a Merry Christmas and good Health in 2010.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adjourn meeting at 11:28 a.m. for the annual Christmas luncheon. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/ROD