

# Crawford County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 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 19th day of August, 2009.

Invocation by Commissioner Lange.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

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

Absent – Anderson and Beardslee.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk – Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Monte Burmeister, Joe Wakeley, Ken Riehle, Jim Burtch, John Hartman, Rich Jaskowski, Don Babcock, Verna Meharg, Vivian Powers, Stan Prevost, Barbara McCray, Billie Squanda, Donna Burke, Loretta Hasson and Dan Sanderson.

### **Approval of the Regular Board Minutes**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to approve the Minutes for the July 15, 2009 meeting with a correction on page 5 under Commissioner Lange’s report for DNR Payments and change payment plan to “payment option”. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Rogers, to approve 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 Hanson, to authorize payment of the following claims:

#### **General Fund:**

Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	74,972.65
Prepaid Invoices	211,411.02
Gross Payroll	200,819.42
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b><u><u>487,203.09</u></u></b>

#### **Millage/Road Patrol Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	475.68
Prepaid Invoices	1,054.41
Gross Payroll	22,811.05
<b>Total Millage Fund</b>	<b><u><u>24,341.14</u></u></b>

#### **Tri-County 46th Trial Court**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	4,553.54
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Tri-County Court</b>	<b><u><u>4,553.54</u></u></b>

#### **Friend of the Court**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	2,733.54
Gross Payroll	11,160.65
<b>Total Friend of the Court</b>	<b><u><u>13,894.19</u></u></b>

#### **Sports Complex Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	5,123.00
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Sports Complex Fund</b>	<b><u><u>5,123.00</u></u></b>

**Enforcement/Recycle Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	29,655.31
Prepaid Invoices	498.56
Gross Payroll	2,673.58
<b>Total Enforcement Fund</b>	<b><u>32,827.45</u></b>

**COPS in Schools Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	40.03
Gross Payroll	2,720.28
<b>Total COPS Fund</b>	<b><u>2,760.31</u></b>

**Building & Zoning Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,833.63
Prepaid Invoices	112.77
Gross Payroll	3,836.51
<b>Total Building &amp; Zoning Fund</b>	<b><u>5,782.91</u></b>

**D.A.R.E. Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	5,836.33
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total DARE Fund</b>	<b><u>5,836.33</u></b>

**MSU Cooperative Extension Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,508.30
Prepaid Invoices	2,815.93
Gross Payroll	966.78
<b>Total MSU fund</b>	<b><u>5,291.01</u></b>

**Central Dispatch Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,751.58
Prepaid Invoices	994.39
Gross Payroll	19,802.01
<b>Total Central Dispatch Fund</b>	<b><u>22,547.98</u></b>

**Law Library Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	573.75
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Library Fund</b>	<b><u>573.75</u></b>

**Family/Probate Court**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	27,493.19
Gross Payroll	8,268.87
<b>Total Family/Probate Court</b>	<b><u>35,762.06</u></b>

**County Bldg. Renovation Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	18,319.27
Prepaid Invoices	1,388,936.53
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Renovation Fund</b>	<b><u>1,407,255.80</u></b>

**Fish Hatchery Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	3,476.31
Prepaid Invoices	52.64
Gross Payroll	
<b>Total Fish Fund</b>	<b><u>3,528.95</u></b>

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

### **Approval Correspondence**

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

### **Correspondence**

1. Alger County Board – Resolution in support of HB 4785 & 4786 – Expansion of unemployment benefits and acceptance of \$1.38 million in federal stimulus funds.
2. Antrim County Board – Resolution in support of HB 5019 in an effort to limit the benefit package for state legislators; and Resolution encouraging Brownfield site redevelopment.
3. Barry County Board – Resolution to increase and restore funding for the Michigan Department of Community Health.
4. Lake County Board – Resolution in opposition of HB 4028, 4747 and 4907 to make the use of motorcycle helmets optional; Resolution urging the continuance of the current structure and funding of coordinating agencies for the welfare and benefit of the citizens within the NMSAS.
5. Oceana County Board – Resolution in support of HB 4785 & 4786.
6. NEMCOG – Stimulus Broadband Proposals.
7. NEMCOG – Resolution in support of the Community Corrections Grant Application.  
Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Community Corrections Grant Applications of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments in the amount of \$257,075 for the general program costs and resolution number 081909. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Motion Carried
8. MAC – Legislative updates for July 17, 24, & August 7, & 14, 2009.
9. MI Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing for Consumers Energy on August 25, 2009.
10. Savoy Energy – Application for permit to drill in Lovell’s.
11. USDA Department of Agriculture – Schedule of proposed actions.
12. Speed Net – High-Speed Wireless Internet Service.
13. County RX Card – Patient Assistance cards now available.
14. Traverse Area District Library – Request \$2,100 in 2010 General Fund Budget. Commissioner Lange inquired whether the County Library has funding allocated for this program. Commissioner Rogers advised the Library has the funding and she offered to carry the request to the Library Board.
15. MI State Housing Development Authority – Closeout of Grant Agreement.
16. DNR – George Mason River Retreat Annual Meeting.
17. DNR – 2009 Community Forestry Grant Applications now available.
18. Census Bureau – Information on Non-sheltered Facilities.

### **COA – Senior Concerns**

Vivian Powers appeared to request the County consider amending the resolution to allocate all or part of the 1.5 million for a senior center since the ballot question to move the Commission on Aging to a new location failed. Ms. Powers inquired to allocate court cost funds for senior needs. The Board explained the 1.5 million in question is basically general fund monies. Court costs are just a small percentage, property tax is the bulk of the general fund along with other miscellaneous fees. Ms. Powers presented a copy of Public Acts 1994 – No. 321 and indicated she received the copy from Susan Thiel, Field Manager of the DNR. Ms. Powers indicated seniors are continuing to look for a new location and they remain interested in future funding and would appreciate commissioner’s support.

Chairman Stephenson indicated the board would be happy to look at other options.

### **Clerk Report**

Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District fall newsletter was placed on file. The Clerk advised Bruce Patrick has stepped down as the Fish Hatchery Chairman and there are two (2) vacant positions on that board. The Board of Canvassers has two (2) positions (1 republican and 1 democrat) needing appointment soon. The Clerk advised both vacancies will be advertised for in the newspaper to allow appointment next month.

### **Kids Reading Area**

Judge Monte Burmeister appeared to inform the Board that he has received an award of books for the new "Read to Kids Zone." The Judge requested authority to use a small portion of the lobby for the new program. Commissioners indicated they are behind the concept and inquired if there was concern about lobby communications being discussed within that zone. Judge Burmeister suggested the program proceed and if there are any issues, circumstances can change to seek a different location within the building. The Judge is seeking grant requests and local funding sources. Commissioner Rogers advised the Friend of the Library's goal is to promote literacy and they may be able to donate books to the program. Judge Burmeister advised he wants dialogue with the Library and welcomes their (library) assistance. Commissioner Pinkelman suggested Kathy Pardo (Mobarak) may have books available for the program.

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to allocate space for the Kids To Read Zone" Program in the lobby of the Courthouse. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Controller Report**

##### **Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan - Advocacy Alert**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to request the Controller prepare a resolution to oppose the proposed drastic cuts to aging services (# 081909B.) Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried

#### **Co-Operative Reimbursement Grant**

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Co-Operative Reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$52,879.00. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried

Controller Compo advised the Soccer Field work is progression and they have received quotes on the well pump and have selected a size to allow for expansion.

The Controller advised the Courthouse project may have change orders due to the \$2,000 difference needed for the weeper system, and an issue in the lighting grid due to the staircase between the buildings and proper grounding. The Contractor seems to think paving may be an issue and the building may have to be closed up to four (4) days to accommodate paving. Discussion followed changing the elevator shaft from poured concrete and we may need the structural engineer to review changes. There will be an architectural meeting at the courthouse on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for Public Health and fish hatchery discussions.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

### **Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Rogers** – The Commissioner advised she has nothing to report.

**Commissioner Hanson** - The Commissioner reported the Personnel & Labor Committee Recommendations.

### **AFSCME Letter of Understanding**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to enter into the Letter of Understanding with the AFSCME union to allow the Equalization Assessor to work no more than two 3.5 hour shifts in the Building and Zoning department for administrative work until September 30, 2009 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll Call:

Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried

### **Board of Canvass Appointments**

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to appoint Ann Stephenson to the Board of Canvass for a term ending Oct. 31, 2011 and allow Commissioner Stephenson to abstain from the vote. Ayes (4) four, nays (0) none, abstains (1) one, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Pinkelman** - The Commissioner advised there were no Law Enforcement recommendations to make.

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

### **Public Safety Radios**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize the Sheriff to order 12 EF Johnson 700/800MHz Mobile Radios, and 20 Portable Radios for use on State of Michigan MPSCS Public Safety Package up to \$73,000. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to accept the Executive Session Minutes of 8-6-09 as read. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

### **Courthouse Renovation Project / Change Order**

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to approve the change order #1 as recommended by NorthWest Design in the amount of \$19,789.21 as presented. Roll Call: Stephenson - aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

### **FY 2009 General Fund Budget Amendments**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to adopt the following General Fund FY2009 budget up to the new amount of \$5,312,610. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Health Department / Fish Hatchery Building**

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize Bradley Butcher and Associates to perform a quote to establish renovation cost for the Fish Hatchery building in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried

**Commissioner Stephenson** – The Commissioner indicated he attended the MAC conference and the state is looking at a three (3) billion dollar shortfall. The Commissioner offered the NACo Prescription Discount card and advised there are cost saving programs for checks and balances in government through the Michigan Local Benchmarking program.

**Commissioner Anderson** – The Commissioner was absent.

**Commissioner Beardslee** - The Commissioner was absent.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution Prohibiting the Levy of the Crawford County Millage for the Repair & Maintenance of Roads (81909-RCM)**

Road Commission Manager, Don Babcock suggested a remedy be reached before the commissioners adopt said resolution. Road Commission Attorney, Rich Jaskowski indicated he is interested in such an agreement with the City or the County will have no choice but to pass the

resolution. The Board advised a resolution must be reached soon, as there are no funds available for a special election.

**Consensus** of the Board to allow the Road Commission to seek a remedy with the City of Grayling on “the Millage for the Repair and Maintenance of Roads” before the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting. Road Commissioner thanked members.

**Recess** at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

**Extended Public Comment**

Loretta Hasson advised she contacted the State Library to research House Bill 5159 and was informed the bill was delisted. The Board directed Ms. Hasson back to the Legislature as the bill would have to be rescinded or action taken on their behalf.

**Executive Session**

**POAM Labor Negotiations**

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to recess the regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session to review POAM Labor Negotiations at 11:11 a.m. Roll Call: Anderson – absent, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 11:11 a.m. and concluded at 12:18 p.m.

**Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of 8-19-09 as read. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

**Recess** at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

**POAM Union Notice of Unilateral Implementation**

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to move that as of August 19,2009, after our receipt and review of POAM’s notice of the bargaining unit’s failure to ratify the latest tentative agreement, that impasse in bargaining has been reached and that no further bargaining is likely to result in an agreement that is acceptable to both parties. Additionally, I move to implement our best offer to the non ACT 312 eligible employees in the POAM bargaining unit and file for binding arbitration with the ACT 312 eligible employees. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – absent, Motion Carried.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Lange reminded members of the Rotary Golf outing tomorrow (8/20/09.) County Clerk Moore reminded members of the Old US 27 Motor Tour along Michigan Avenue on Friday (8/21/09) at 5:00 p.m. and encouraged attendance.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adjourn meeting at 12:42 p.m. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

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Dave Stephenson, Board Chairman

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Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds