

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2010

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 17th day of February, 2010.

Invocation by Chairman Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson.

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

Absent – Beardslee and Hanson.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Mary Jergenson, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Carol Conklin, Janette Hough, Sarah Medler, Karen Ayers, Barb Valentin, Jeff Parkinson, and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to accept the Minutes for the January 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, 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:

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Rep" | 79,095.00 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 214,136.60 |
| Gross Payroll | 225,345.33 |
| Total General Fund | 518,576.93 |

Millage/Road Patrol Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 2,555.25 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 1,268.68 |
| Gross Payroll | 23,833.71 |
| Total Millage Fund | 27,657.64 |

Economic Development Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 35.00 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total EDF Fund | 35.00 |

Title V Planning Grant

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 327.59 |
| Gross Payroll | 730.68 |
| Total Title V Fund | 1,058.27 |

Tri-County 46th Trial Court

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 7,431.12 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Tri-County Court | 7,431.12 |

Friend of the Court

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 2,245.20 |
| Gross Payroll | 12,274.00 |
| Total Friend of the Court | <u>14,519.20</u> |

Sports Complex Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 13,528.69 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Sports Complex Fund | <u>13,528.69</u> |

Airport Fund

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 211.70 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 330.34 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Airport Fund | <u>542.04</u> |

Enforcement/Recycle Fund

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 266.17 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Enforcement Fund | <u>266.17</u> |

COPS in Schools Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 7.31 |
| Gross Payroll | 4,106.49 |
| Total COPS Fund | <u>4,113.80</u> |

Building & Zoning Fund

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|---|------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 2,082.10 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 349.17 |
| Gross Payroll | 3,938.76 |
| Total Building & Zoning Fund | <u>6,370.03</u> |

Remonumentation Fund

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 75.00 |
| Prepaid Invoices | |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Remonumentation Fund | <u>75.00</u> |

MSU Cooperative Extension Fund

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 1,364.32 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 432.48 |
| Gross Payroll | 937.95 |
| Total MSU fund | <u>2,734.75</u> |

Central Dispatch Fund

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 101.70 |
| Gross Payroll | 22,198.44 |
| Total Central Dispatch Fund | <u>22,300.14</u> |

Courthouse Preservation Fund

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|---|------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 6,438.00 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Courthouse Preservation Fund | <u>6,438.00</u> |

Law Library Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
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| Prepaid Invoices | 1,323.72 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Library Fund | <u>1,323.72</u> |

Family/Probate Court

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 4,917.62 |
| Gross Payroll | 9,707.40 |
| Total Family/Probate Court | <u>14,625.02</u> |

County Bldg. Renovation Fund

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | 13,122.45 |
| Prepaid Invoices | 180,833.29 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Renovation Fund | <u>193,955.74</u> |

Fish Hatchery Fund

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| Balance from "Open Invoice Report" | |
| Prepaid Invoices | 31.13 |
| Gross Payroll | |
| Total Fish Fund | <u>31.13</u> |

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

Correspondence

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

1. Allegan County Board – Resolution supporting Legislative Commission statutory mandates final report.
2. Benzie County Board – Resolution urging the Implemental of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula.
3. Charlevoix County Board – Resolution objecting to GEMS Election Management Systems fee structure.
4. Cheboygan County Board – Resolution in Support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates.
5. Isabella County Board - Resolution in Support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates & Resolution of Objection to MERS Increase in funded level requirements.
6. Lake County Board – Resolution regarding funding obligations – State Mandates Services.
7. Mecosta County Board – Support for Implementation of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula.
8. Schoolcraft County Board – Resolution objecting to Election Management System License Renewal Fees.
9. St. Joseph County Board – Funding Obligations – State Mandates Services.
10. Van Buren County Board – Resolution to designate U.S. Route 31 as a heritage route.
11. MAC – Legislative updates for January 22, 29, & February 5, 2010. Commissioner Anderson remarked on: the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the preliminary savings of \$356,000; The Michigan State Police cuts of \$2.2 million to Sheriff Secondary Road Patrol; and the County Jail Reimbursement program.

Motion by Anderson, second by Pinkelman, to send a resolution in opposition of withdrawing the secondary road patrol millage from state funding and submit to the Governor, State Senator and Representative. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

12. State Department of Corrections – Jail Inspection Report.

13. Northern Lakes Co Mental Health – 2010 Board Meeting Schedule.
14. MI Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing for Consumers Energy on Feb. 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
15. US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice & Wetland Evaluation Questionnaire.
16. MI State Police 9-1-1 Committee - Notice regarding surcharges in Michigan.
Commissioner Lange inquired if action was necessary. The Controller advised no action is necessary and the County is already at the .42 rate.
17. NEMCOG – Public Notice regarding Huron-Manistee National Forests opportunity to comment.
18. South Branch Township – Communication requesting ORV changes. Said correspondence to be added to the March 17, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.
19. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District – 2009 Annual Report.
20. U.S. Congress – Communication regarding renewable energy production tax credits for biomass facilities.
21. Happi Trails ATV Club – Letter to County regarding ORV Ordinance.
22. Happi Trails ATV Club - Communication to State DNR regarding ORV Ordinance.

Department Report

Controller Report

Health Insurance

Controller Paul Compo advised that Dan Skiver from Public Employee Benefits appeared before union leaders and employees as our Agent of Record to introduce employees to the various options the county has with their insurance program. The meeting was well attended with most employees expressing negative feedback and concerns. The next employee meeting is set for February 25th, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lange reiterated savings to the county could be upward to \$300,000.00. Chairman Stephenson inquired on whether a Blue Cross Representative could be available to answer questions and what the county increase will be for current blue cross coverage's. The Controller indicated the county experience rated plan will see at least a 12% increase, however, the county won't know how severe the impact will be for a period of six (6) months to a year. Discussion followed regarding experience rated and the boards right to change with a substantial coverage plan. The Controller advised he received a union letter regarding the changes and a grievance is being held in abeyance for 30 days. The AFSCME union contract expires September 30, 2010. The Controller advised the Health Care Committee consists of two (2) AFSCME Representatives, a Commissioner and the Controller. The committee continues to meet to discuss healthcare changes.

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to defer any changes to the County Health Plan until the March 17, 2010 meeting. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Construction Tracking Document

The Controller submitted the construction tracking document for review. The contractors are now working on the Clerk's, Controller's office and lobby area. A change order will reflect the liquidated damages and a separate bid for the office work.

The Controller advised he attended a DNR Workshop and discovered there are recreation grants that could be used for the county sports complex property. The Controller indicated a Land Water Conservation Grant is available and should fit the profile for the Little League fields. The County would be obligated to hold a public hearing prior to adoption. There are also universal accessible grants for restrooms for the county sports complex. Commissioner Pinkelman inquired if any of the grants would be available for the Fish Hatchery project. Controller Compo advised DNR Recreation Grants are strictly for recreation purposes.

Library Board Interview

Jeff Parkinson interview conducted.

Unfinished Business

Road Commission – Resolution regarding ORV Ordinance

Consensus to move the Resolution from the Crawford County Road Commission regarding Crawford County ORV Ordinance #05-2009ORV to the March 17, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Anderson, to forward a copy of the Road Commission Resolution to each township/city offices. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Library Appointment

Commissioner Lange requested he be allowed to abstain from voting on the library appointment.

Motion by Rogers, second by Pinkelman, to allow Commissioner Lange to abstain from the Library vote. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Rogers, to appoint Jeff Parkinson to the Library Board for a term ending 10-31-11. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Rogers – The Commissioner advised she had nothing to report.

Commissioner Hanson - The Commissioner was absent.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised she had no Law Enforcement Committee Recommendations.

Commissioner Lange –The Commissioner reported his Ways & Means Committee Recommendations.

Artisan Center Project

Motion by Lange, send by Pinkelman, to approve the conceptual support for an Artisan Center project within Crawford County. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Riverhouse Grant – Emergency Solution Grant Program

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to ratify and allow the Chair to sign and approve the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Emergency Solution Grant Program to end homelessness in the amount of \$31,000.00. Roll Call: Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

Hardware / Software Upgrades to County Computers

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to accept the proposal for some hardware / software upgrades to the Accounting package and Delinquent Tax package from BS&A in the amount of \$19,630.00. Said costs to come from the foreclosure fund proceeds for the County. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Motion Carried.

County Sports Complex – Master Plan & Design

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to accept the bid from NorthWest Design Group for the County Sports Complex conceptual phase and design of baseball field construction costs in the amount of \$6,820.00. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

Fish Hatchery Building Renovations

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to proceed and have Bradley Butcher & Associates investigate and submit a report on the feasibility with the Fish Hatchery project in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

County Building Project / Liquidation of Damages

Motion by Lange, second by Anderson, to assess nine (9) days for liquidation damages per the contract with Ripke Construction in the amount of \$1,200 per day. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to accept the Executive Session minutes of February 4, 2010 as read. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised the MSU Extension now has a Animal Health Network to provide important information to local feed retailers. The network has the potential to reduce the vulnerability of the nation’s food production sector by allowing early detection and rapid response to animal diseases in noncommercial herds and flocks. Commissioner Stephenson requested the County Clerk update committee appointments and identify those that are voting members or a nonvoting liaison position. It was noted that Commissioner’s may want to adopt a policy for clarification for the various boards.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner reported the Personnel & Labor Committee Recommendations.

Department of Human Services Reappointment

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to reappoint Barbara Clark-Greene and Bruce Schroeder to the Department of Human Services Board in Crawford County for terms ending 10-31-12. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Interview Selection and Hiring Policy Statement

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to adopt the Interview Selection and Hiring Policy Statement 21710 as presented. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

Sheriff Employees Extended Vacation Hours

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to honor the Sheriff’s request to extend forty (40) vacation hours to Theresa Andrews until April 30, 2010. Discussion followed to place this issue on the agenda at Personnel & Labor for policy change. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Pinkelman, to honor the Sheriff’s request to extend twenty-four (24) vacation hours to Corrections Officer Brian Shepherd until February 28, 2010. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Beardslee – The Commissioner was absent.

New Business – None.

Executive Session

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Rogers, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations (10:38 a.m.). Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – absent, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 10:38 a.m. and concluded at 11:49 a.m.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to approve the Executive Session of February 17, 2010 as read. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements

The Controller advised his son won the district wrestling match and will proceed now to regional competition this Saturday.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds