

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of April 21, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson at 9:34 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 21st day of April, 2010.

Invocation by Commissioner Beardslee.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

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

Absent – None.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: John Huss, Tom Haskel, Stan Prevost, Arnie Stancil, Larry Akers, Kevin Hunter, Gaye Pizzi, Laurie Luck, Suzanne Luck, Mary Jergenson, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Dan Sanderson, Tom Wellman, Cynthia Infante', Fred Schaibly and Mike Hosh.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to place the approval of minutes before the Department Reports. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Hanson, second by Beardslee, to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment

Lovells Township Clerk, Cynthia Infante' advised Township Attorney Bryan Graham submitted an opinion on the ORV ordinance and offered recommendations for the Board. South Branch Township Supervisor Laurie Luck inquired whether the County could review the ordinance once again to accommodate township residents. Lovells Township Supervisor Fred Schaibly offered to review the opinion from Attorney Graham with the Michigan Township Association (MTA). Chairman Stephenson advised he appreciated the remarks, however, the County requested the Township meet with the County last year, a Public Hearing was held and the ordinance was adopted May 20, 2009. GIS Technician Gaye Pizzi advised the township recommendations were considered and placed on the amended appendix and she has continued to work towards a collaborative effort with all townships. Commissioner Hanson advised the Townships have the right to amend within their own boundaries. Commissioner Lange indicated that Grayling, Beaver Creek and Frederic townships are satisfied with the present ordinance. Commissioner Anderson indicated a store in Maple Forest came forward with over 300 signatures on a petition to open roads for access to the store which is why the board choose to reopen the issue, and the county has worked on this issue for a long time. Attorney John Huss inquired on time restraints and the amendment process. Chairman Stephenson concurred the ordinance is in place and a new ORV trail can be looked at for amendments next year.

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"	30,542.22
Prepaid Invoices	287,666.84
Gross Payroll	190,004.18
Total General Fund	<u>508,213.24</u>

Millage/Road Patrol Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,589.78
Prepaid Invoices	2,289.56
Gross Payroll	19,532.95
Total Millage Fund	<u>24,412.29</u>

<u>Title V Planning Grant</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	1,595.38
Gross Payroll	899.91
Total Title V Fund	<u>2,495.29</u>
<u>Tri-County 46th Trial Court</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	4,630.99
Gross Payroll	
Total Tri-County Court	<u>4,630.99</u>
<u>Friend of the Court</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	981.27
Gross Payroll	9,636.36
Total Friend of the Court	<u>10,617.63</u>
<u>Sports Complex Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	35.25
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total Sports Complex Fund	<u>35.25</u>
<u>Airport Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,243.77
Prepaid Invoices	477.57
Gross Payroll	
Total Airport Fund	<u>2,721.34</u>
<u>Enforcement/Recycle Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	473.14
Gross Payroll	
Total Enforcement Fund	<u>473.14</u>
<u>COPS in Schools Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	349.16
Gross Payroll	5,355.18
Total COPS Fund	<u>5,704.34</u>
<u>Building & Zoning Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,038.62
Prepaid Invoices	120.30
Gross Payroll	4,137.56
Total Building & Zoning Fund	<u>5,296.48</u>
<u>D.A.R.E. Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,261.40
Prepaid Invoices	42.17
Gross Payroll	
Total DARE Fund	<u>1,303.57</u>
<u>Remonumentation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	2,500.00
Gross Payroll	
Total Remonumentation Fund	<u>2,500.00</u>
<u>MSU Cooperative Extension Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,308.54
Prepaid Invoices	801.22
Gross Payroll	679.38

Total MSU fund	<u>2,789.14</u>
<u>Central Dispatch Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	166.51
Gross Payroll	19,652.34
Total Central Dispatch Fund	<u>19,818.85</u>
<u>Courthouse Preservation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	3,613.54
Gross Payroll	
Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	<u>3,613.54</u>
<u>Law Library Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	384.27
Gross Payroll	
Total Library Fund	<u>384.27</u>
<u>Family/Probate Court</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	17,723.05
Gross Payroll	8,392.39
Total Family/Probate Court	<u>26,115.44</u>
<u>County Bldg. Renovation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,542.20
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total Renovation Fund	<u>2,542.20</u>
<u>Fish Hatchery Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	29.82
Gross Payroll	
Total Fish Fund	<u>29.82</u>

Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, 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 submitted. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Correspondence

1. Antrim County Board – Resolution supporting all efforts at the state and federal level to stop the migration of the Asian Carp into the Great Lakes be whatever means necessary and appropriate; Resolution in support of the Back Forty Joint Venture (Hudbay Minerals/Aquila Resources); Resolution opposing the MIWater Ballot Initiative; Resolution in support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates – December 2009.
2. Allegan County Board – Resolution to Call for the Modification of State Act 312 of 1969; Resolution supporting efforts to stop Asian Carp migration into the Great Lakes.
3. Cheboygan County Board – Resolution objecting to Election Management System License Renewal Fees.
4. Lake County Board – Resolution supporting all efforts at the state and federal level to stop migration of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes.
5. US Senate – Communication regarding a tax provision for open-loop biomass power plants.

6. NEMCOG – Notice of Intent by NEMCOG to apply for federal assistance.
7. NEMCOG – Notice of Intent by Third Level Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. to apply for federal assistance.
8. NEMCOG – Notice of Intent by Michigan State University to apply for federal assistance.
9. NEMCOG – Public Notice for proposed seasonal pier, boat hoists and mooring buoys in Burt Lake at Indian River, Michigan. Commissioner Anderson advised NEMCOG is opposed to the 360' by 4' seasonal pier on Burt Lake.
10. MAC – Legislative updates for March 19, 26, & April 9, 2010.
11. US Department of Agriculture – Notification of comment period for lands in South Branch Township.
12. 2010 Conservation Expo & Amateur Photo Contest – September 25, 2010 in Houghton Lake, Michigan.
13. Department of Natural Resources & Environment – Interested Parties Notification.
14. Department of Natural Resources & Environment – Oil & Gas Lease Sale on line website.
15. NEMCOG – Public Notice slated for 4-15-10 @ 9:00 a.m.
16. Timelines of Health Insurance Reforms in the House and Senate-Passed Reform Bills.
17. US Army Corp of Engineers – Public Notice on Detroit District Regulatory Office Reorganization.
18. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – Financial Audit ending 9-30-10 (placed on file).

Title V Three Year Grant Application

Court Administrator, Tom Haskel presented the Title V Three Year Grant Application and requested support for the \$149,438.00 grant to develop and implement an “evidence based” Career Academy educational program. The delinquency prevention grant will be \$90,000 for the 1st year with a \$45,000 match; 2nd year is a \$70,000 grant with a \$65,000 match; and 3rd year is a \$40,000 grant with a \$95,000 match. This will create a “Career Academy” at the Grayling High School targeting freshman and sophomores at risk of becoming a school dropout and out-of-home placement/incarceration. The local match is provided for with existing “in-kind” resources and expanded Child Care Fund; the grant funding provides funding for the following services: Full-time classroom teacher, .25 FTE for School Liaison Officer (.13 FTE third year), .20 FTE Project Coordinator and classroom supplies. The Title V Planning Grant process will include the development of a Prevention Policy Board with extensive research on risk factors, protective factors, community resource inventory and gap analysis. The Prevention Policy Board will continue seeking other private and/or state/federal grants to address prescription drug addiction. The proposed timeline and grant awards are to be completed by June, 2010.

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to approve the Title V Three Year Grant Application in the amount of \$149,438.00 as presented by the Court Administrator to develop and implement an “evidence based” Career Academy educational program. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

2010 Equalization Report

Equalization Director, Kevin Hunter presented the 2010 County Equalization Report and Equalized Values. It was noted that decreases may be projected for the next three to five years. County Equalized Value (CEV) is down \$78,049,801 for 2010.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to accept the 2010 County Equalization Report in the amount of \$697,422,267.00. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Motion Carried.

Airport Quarterly Report

Airport Chairman, Stan Prevost updated the board on the progress at the County Airport. Mr. Prevost gave a brief review of the history of the airport and discussed publicity and promotion; reviewed a matrix from competitive analysis in business plan; aeronautical services development; revised competitive matrix; most significant remaining negatives; revenue production and costs and reviewed the challenges ahead with the project. Mr. Prevost invited members to the ribbon cutting and open house ceremony at the airfield on ~~Thursday May 27, 2010~~ Monday, May 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Permit Fee Waiver for Wellington (Livestock Barn & Big Machinery Museum)

Wellington Farm Park General Manager, Arnold Stancil appeared to inform the Board that Wellington has between 8,000 to 12,000 visitors each year. Wellington Farm Park has received a gift from a McBain friend to build a large livestock barn on location and Mr. Stancil inquired if the Board would consider waiving the permit fees for the Livestock Barn and a Big Machinery Museum at the Farm Park. Commissioners advised the county has adopted a policy that restricts the county from spending tax dollars funds for private entities.

Amendment to Agenda

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to allow Lt. Mike Hosh to present the District Coordinator Emergency Management report. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Emergency Management Update

Michigan State Police District Coordinator, Mike Hosh appeared with Emergency Management Director Larry Akers to advise the 2009 Federal Grant for Homeland Security has been approved through the Regional 7 Planning Board. Crawford County is the 4th county within the District to be the fiduciary of a 1.2 million dollar grant. Lt. Hosh requested participation in FEMA training and encouraged members to visit www.fema.gov to review documents and the introduction of emergency management. Lt. Hosh is interested in attending a future meeting to discuss the required statewide training with Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compac (MEMAC). Lt. Hosh complimented Emergency Management Director Akers for his organization and attention to detail as well as waiving permit fees.

Recess at 11:17 and resumed at 11:32 a.m.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for March 17, 2010 and reviewed the actions taken on the ORV Ordinance. Discussion followed to either hold another Public Hearing in June, however, the ordinance wouldn't be affective for 50 days after the referendum period. Parliamentian Anderson advised if we ratify those actions to include opening all county maintained roads with the exception of roads defined by Lovell's, Maple Forest, and South Branch Township's we would fix the problems. Controller advised the ORV group thought the Townships could make any necessary changes within their boundaries. The Board called for a recess to make a phone call to Attorney Bonnie Toskey to inquire on direction of the previous motions on the ORV Ordinance.

Recess at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened by 12:14 p.m.

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to approve the Minutes for the March 18, 2009 Regular Board Meeting with corrections to place Beardslee under the roll call, and to reconsider all actions taken on the 2009 ORV Ordinance at the March 17, 2010 meeting. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Department Reports

Clerk Report

County Clerk/Register Sandra Moore remarked that Craig Hinkle was unable to attend the interview for the Housing Board and wondered if the board would either waive the interview as

everyone knows him or ask him to appear at the May Committee meeting. The Board concurred they are all familiar with Mr. Hinkle and no need to interview him.

The Clerk further advised the EDF Lending Appointment (John Alef) is up, which holds a three (3) year term and inquired on direction from the Board. The appointment to be placed on the Personnel and Labor meeting agenda in May, 2010.

Controller Report

Controller Paul Compo advised there are two (2) changes necessary in the Selection criteria of the Interviewing Selection and Hiring Policy Statement.

Motion by Hanson, second by Beardslee, to approve the Interviewing Selection and Hiring Policy Statement Number 21710 and amend Item 2 and 8 under the selection criteria of the policy. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution Requesting Full Property Tax Support by MI Department of Natural Resources

Discussion occurred that it appears the State now has a double standard.

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to adopt the Resolution Requesting Full Property Tax Support by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Said resolution to be submitted to the Townships for consideration. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Commissioner's Report

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

Commissioner Hanson - The Commissioner advised he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Pinkelman – The Commissioner has no Law Enforcement Committee recommendations to report.

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

Resolution to Borrow Against '09 Real Property Taxes

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to authorize the Board to adopt resolution 4212010A to borrow up to \$2,000,000.00 against Anticipated Delinquent 2009 Real Property Taxes. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution of Agency

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to adopt the Resolution establishing the Crawford County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 4212010B pursuant to Section 87b of Act No 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution Opposing the State from Purchasing Land

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to draft a resolution for opposition to the State of Michigan to purchase any more land, when they are unable to maintain it or pay taxes on it. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

Sheriff Millage Renewal

Motion by Lange, second by Anderson, to authorize the Board to place the Crawford County Police Protection Millage Proposal Renewal on the August 3,

2010 ballot. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Library Working Agreement

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to approve the Working Agreement between the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and the County of Crawford. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to approve the Executive Session Minutes for April 1, 2010 as read. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

POAM Agreement

Motion by Lange, second by Beardslee, to authorize the agreement for POAM be ratified and submitted to the union. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner reported his Personnel and Labor committee recommendations.

Request for Exception to Policy Bulletin #8

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to authorize and ratify the Chairman to sign and send a letter to James Espinoza at the Office of Community Development for MSHDA on behalf of Commissioner Pinkelman as a business owner and county commissioner. Commissioner Pinkelman requested she be allowed to abstain from voting on the Policy Bulletin #8.

Motion by Lange, second, second by Rogers, to allow Commissioner Pinkelman to abstain from voting on the Policy Bulletin #8 due to a possible conflict of interest. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, abstained (1) one, Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote on the Original Motion: Pinkelman – abstained, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

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

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

New Business

Appointment of Housing Commission Member

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to appoint Craig Hinkle to the Housing Commission Board for a term ending 4-15-15. Ayes (7) six, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment – None.

ORV Ordinance Changes

Attorney Bonnie Toskey returned a call through the speaker phone to review the ordinance law with board members. Members reviewed the actions taken at the March 17, 2010 Board meeting as well as those actions in committee at the April 1, 2010 meeting. A motion to reconsider is the cleanest way to accommodate the board.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to motion the board to reconsider all previous ORV language in the March 17, 2010 Minutes, and to allow ORV access of County roads as referenced in Appendix A dated 3-17-2010 as presented, and to incorporate them into our current ORV Ordinance as amended. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Rogers, second by Pinkelman, to amend the ORV Ordinance to allow ORV access to all county roads year round. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Rogers – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Announcements

Reminder of the May 17th 10:00 Airport Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Adjournment

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to adjourn meeting at 1:03 p.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds