

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2010

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 18th day of August, 2010.

Invocation by Commissioner Lange.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Stephenson.

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

Absent – Pinkelman.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk – Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Kirk Wakefield, Everett Ayers, Joe Wakeley, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Linda Munsey, Carol Conklin, Jeri Selfhoffer, Sharon Priebe, Jim Smith and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to approve the Minutes for the July 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Brief Public Comment – None.

Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

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

General Fund:

Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	55,708.99
Prepaid Invoices	309,689.45
Gross Payroll	202,567.74
Total General Fund	<u>567,966.18</u>

Millage/Road Patrol Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,771.53
Prepaid Invoices	1,085.54
Gross Payroll	21,271.96
Total Millage Fund	<u>24,129.03</u>

Title V Planning Grant

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	376.06
Gross Payroll	616.81
Total Title V Fund	<u>992.87</u>

Tri-County 46th Trial Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	8,922.37
Gross Payroll	
Total Tri-County Court	<u>8,922.37</u>

Friend of the Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,814.43
Prepaid Invoices	1,510.78
Gross Payroll	12,015.29
Total Friend of the Court	<u>16,340.50</u>

Sports Complex Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	913.00
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Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total Sports Complex Fund	913.00

Airport Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	92.26
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	50.15
Total Airport Fund	142.41

Enforcement/Recycle Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	8,643.59
Prepaid Invoices	1,237.05
Gross Payroll	3,273.26
Total Enforcement Fund	13,153.90

COPS in Schools Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	4.20
Gross Payroll	-252.72
Total COPS Fund	-248.52

Building & Zoning Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,552.36
Prepaid Invoices	119.70
Gross Payroll	3,518.76
Total Building & Zoning Fund	5,190.82

D.A.R.E. Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	42.00
Prepaid Invoices	5,704.00
Gross Payroll	
Total DARE Fund	5,746.00

MSU Cooperative Extension Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,429.63
Prepaid Invoices	414.50
Gross Payroll	1,029.21
Total MSU fund	2,873.34

Central Dispatch Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	5,834.13
Prepaid Invoices	88.09
Gross Payroll	20,585.32
Total Central Dispatch Fund	26,507.54

Courthouse Preservation Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	878.00
Prepaid Invoices	787.00
Gross Payroll	
Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	1,665.00

Law Library Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	980.00
Gross Payroll	
Total Library Fund	980.00

Family/Probate Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	9,394.11
Gross Payroll	9,151.67
Total Family/Probate Court	18,545.78

<u>County Bldg. Renovation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,646.00
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total Renovation Fund	<u>2,646.00</u>

<u>Fish Hatchery Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	94.26
Gross Payroll	
Total Fish Fund	<u>94.26</u>

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

Approval Correspondence

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

Correspondence

1. Antrim County Board – Resolution opposing the increase for residential facilities as it is nothing more than yet another unfounded mandate and urge the state to eliminate this funding increase.
2. Jackson County Board – Resolution requesting the House of Representatives to swiftly pass Senate Bill 449.
3. Hillsdale County Board – Resolution urging Michigan Legislators to oppose HB 6154 & SB 1072.
4. Huron County Board – Resolution urging Legislators oppose House Bill 6154.
5. Lenawee County Board – Resolution to stop Asian Carp and enhance Great Lakes Protection.
6. Oceana County Board – Resolution re implementation of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula.
7. MSU District Coordinator– Proposed Extension Memo of Agreement.
8. Michigan Public Service Commission – Notice of Public Hearing.
9. NEMCOG – Public Notice.
10. NEMCOG – Farm Market GAAMP and Right to Farm Training September 9, 2010 in Alpena.
11. MAC – Legislative updates for July 23, 30, and August 13, 2010.
12. GRA – Quarterly Newsletter and update.
13. Department of Natural Resources & Environment – Application for permit for Pollack Bridge Road.
14. Attorney Lori Luckett – Forest Dunes Golf Club – Tax Appeal. County Treasurer, Joe Wakeley advised he received correspondence from South Branch Township asking the County to assist the Township with the tax appeal. Gerrish Higgins School District was also asked to assist with the appeal process costs. The Treasurer recommended the County assist the Township in this appeal.

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to assist South Branch Township on the Tax Appeal for Forest Dunes Golf Club in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion Amended by Hanson, second by Lange, to reflect the \$5,000.00 to come from the tax sale proceeds account. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried

15. Crawford AuSable School District – Board Briefs.

16. STING Scoop – Quarterly Newsletter.
17. NEMCOG – Public Notice.
18. Department of Natural Resources – Drinking Water Revolving Fund Public Hearing.
19. Department of Natural Resources – George Mason River Retreat Annual Meeting.
20. Oak Forest Sales & Consulting - Complaint for accessible curb cuts along north sidewalk of County Building. Commissioner Lange inquired whether the county has complied with ADA requirements. Controller Compo advised the engineer and contractor has indicated we have, however, the Building & Zoning Director recommends if the county can afford it, then it should be done. Chairman Stephenson advised he is willing to call the consulting firm and to report his findings to the September Ways & Means Meeting.

Department Reports

Controllers Report

Controller Compo advised the building project punch list is moving along and the county will have three or four issues to address at the September committee meeting. The Audit Committee has been meeting to balance the budget and is recommending the elimination of two (2) positions – a part time Equalization Clerk and the union Clerk position in the Sheriff's department effective October 1, 2010. The Sheriff will have a road patrol vacancy soon the Sheriff has agreed not to fill that vacancy. Discussion followed regarding the reduction of taxable values, and the extreme revenue loss. Commissioner Hanson asked for review of the position on September 2, 2010 Ways & Means Committee meeting. The Controller advised this is strictly a revenue issue and identified the staff that would hurt the county less than other positions. The board recognized that next year could be much worse.

Motion by Hanson, second by Rogers, to postpone eliminating positions until the issue can be reviewed at the September 2, 2010 Ways & Means meeting. The Controller reminded members that the committee meeting only allows for recommendations with action taken at the September 15, 2010 meeting.

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

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to eliminate the union Clerk's position in the Sheriff's Department and the part time Equalization Clerk effective October 1, 2010. Roll Call: Lange- aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

The Controller advised the Sports Complex ball fields lowest bid was \$243,000 and came in much higher than expected. Chairman Stephenson inquired whether the county can still pursue this endeavor when we are cutting positions. Discussion followed to possibly have the site work done through the military. Commissioner Lange reminded members that this was part of the long term plan for recycling to expand and the relocation of ball diamonds. Chairman Stephenson advised the issue continues to be discussed with Grayling Township. Commissioner Lange suggested the Audit Committee review the issue next month.

The Controller submitted two (2) quotes for a front door electronic door operator. It was recommended the County select the Electronic Door Operator from Earls Building Supply in the amount of \$5,175.00 from Earls Building Supply.

Commissioner Pinkelman present @ 5:26 p.m.

Motion by Beardslee, second by Lange, to award the bid to Earls Building Supply in Gladwin in the amount for \$5,175.00 for two Power Door Operators. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange- aye, Motion Carried.

The Controller advised Economic Development Partnership (EDP) has requested the County front them the funds to offer a financial obligation towards the director's position. Discussion followed that the EDP presently owes the County funds and the only way the county can make this obligation is when County receives the funds.

Consensus to allow the Controller to pay the Economic Development Partnership fiduciary responsibility when the funds are deposited with the County.

Resolution in Opposition to the Removal of Funding from the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol Program

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to adopt the resolution in opposition to the removal of funding from the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol Program number 81810-416. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) – Amended By-Laws

Executive Director, Julee Dean submitted the Amended By-Laws and Restated Articles of Incorporation for file with the County. No action was necessary, however, the Board had a question with Article IV - Board of Directors and Chairman Stephenson offered to meet with the Director, Julee Dean.

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to review the CCTA proposed by-laws at the September 2nd, 2010 Committee Meeting. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

The appointment of the County CCTA member to be placed on the September 2nd, 2010 Committee meeting.

Commissioners Report

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

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

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised there were no Law Enforcement recommendations to make. The Commissioner advised she was elected as a Board Member of MAC representing District 6, was sworn in and attended her first meeting. The Commissioner plans to attend the NACo Conferences in Washington, DC and Portland, Oregon.

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

Crawford County Monitoring Official

Motion by Lange, second by Pinkelman, to appoint Paul Compo as the Environmental Monitoring Official for the County of Crawford. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Commission on Aging – By Law Amendment

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to amend the Commission on Aging By-Laws, Article VI, Section 4 - Quorum to reflect the following change: Four (4) members of the COA shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Passage of action items requires a full quorum (four affirmative votes) of the Board regardless of number in attendance. Roll Call: Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised he attended a Grayling Township Board Meeting and offered to assist for costs savings between the county and township.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner submitted the Area on Agency Annual Report and Board and Administration information. The Commissioner attended the MAC Conference and was baffled by the Health Care Reform, however, he was impressed with the large group buying for office supplies and a reverse auction offered in Kent County. Environmental Protection Agency talked about the stagnated population trend in Detroit as well as the contamination clean up on lands. The Commissioner reported the Personnel & Labor Committee Recommendations.

Health Care Retirement Plan

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to grant a three (3) month grace period for Tom Coors on his retirement health care to December 31, 2010. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

POAM Letter of Understanding for Retiree Insurance for Road / Corrections / Clerical / Dispatchers

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to enter into a Letter of Understanding for Retiree Insurance Re-Enrollment (Proposed Section 15.2 E) between the County Board, Sheriff and POAM representing certified road deputies. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to enter into a Letter of Understanding for Retiree Insurance Re-Enrollment (Proposed Section 15.2 E) between the County Board, Sheriff and POAM representing corrections and clerical. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to enter into a Letter of Understanding for Retiree Insurance Re-Enrollment (Proposed Section 15.2 E) between the County Board, Sheriff and POAM representing dispatchers. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Beardslee - The Commissioner advised the MAC Conference was very worthwhile and our county court lawsuit was referred to.

New Business

United States Environmental Protection Agency Letter

Grayling Generating Station is requesting alternative rules to avoid deleterious impact on their local biomass facility in Crawford County.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to submit a letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency requesting alternative rules to avoid deleterious impact on the Grayling Generating Station in Crawford County. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

FY 2010 General Fund Budget Amendments

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to adopt the following General Fund FY 2010 budget up to the new amount of \$5,407,077. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

FY 2010 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to adopt the following Special Revenue Fund FY2010 budgets:

Revenue Sharing	\$250,000
Sports Complex	185,000
County Airport	27,000
COPS in School	66,000
Youth Services	31,000
911 Dispatch	628,000
Drug Enforcement	2,000
Law Library	7,250
Revenue Sharing	296,013

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

GRA - Resolution

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement between the GRA, County of Crawford and the Crawford AuSable School District to accept and assign GRA’s rights, privileges and obligations of

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

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements

Dan Sanderson thanked the Sheriff and Deputies for their assistance in recovering his bicycle. Linda Munsey advised she is pleased to see the county step back from funding ball fields during these tough times.

Jeri Selthoffer thanked the board for her approximate four (4) years of employment in the Equalization Department and hopes the county ceases spending.

County Clerk Moore reminded members of the Historical Society Meeting at Bob Young’s tonight. The Clerk reminded members of the Old US 27 Motor Tour along Michigan Avenue next Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Lange, second by Beardslee, to adjourn meeting at 6:24 p.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Board Chairman

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds