

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Dave Stephenson, at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 27th day of June, 2013.

Invocation by Commissioner Wyman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson.

Roll Call: Stephenson, Wyman, Priebe, Pinkelman, Munsey, Anderson and Lewis.

Absent – None.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Judge George Mertz, Representative Bruce Rendon, Rick Harland, Brian Ashton, Laurie Luck, Bill Johnson, Gary Neumann, Ed Goscicki, David Smith, Carol Conklin, Jane Kozlowski, Kelly Kitchen, Billie Squanda, Judy Chambers, Wayne Nelson and Dan Sanderson.

Introduction of Judge George Mertz

Judge George Mertz introduced himself to the Board and expressed appreciation to be back in the community that he started his law career in. Judge Mertz is a graduate of Michigan State and was a law clerk here in our 46th Circuit Court. Once he received his law degree he worked with the firm of Plunkett and Cooney in Gaylord and more recently represented the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Judge Mertz indicated he is pleased to work with commissioners on issues for the betterment of county residents.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Priebe, to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting with one correction on page 3 under correspondence 11 to read *properly*, not property. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Brief Public Comment

State Representative Bruce Rendon advised he is working in district and grateful to spend time with local government officials. Representative Rendon advised the state budget has been balanced and Medicaid expansion has not been taken up yet by the Senate. The road funding issue with \$350,000,000 in one time funding is for special projects only. The State has over 600 million dollars in the rainy day fund and very fiscally responsible. The Representative invited members to an event at Mid-Forest Lodge in Prudenville on Saturday (6-29-13) at noon with DNR Director Keith Creagh as special guest. Representative Rendon serves as the Vice Chair of the Natural Resources Commission and serves on Tourism, Agriculture, Local Government and Regulation Reform.

Commissioners discussed pending issues with the Representative regarding the North Down River Road project and Road Funding; Pure Michigan Program; Receivership for Detroit. The Representative advised the Governor has appointed an Emergency Manager for Detroit and it is up to the City of Detroit to make concessions to keep Detroit from bankruptcy. If they do file for bankruptcy it will affect all citizenry within Michigan.

Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

Motion by Lewis, second by Pinkelman, to authorize payment of the following claims:

General Fund:		Building & Zoning Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	\$37,946.75	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$455.65
Prepaid Invoices	\$310,594.45	Prepaid Invoices	\$355.93
Gross Payroll	\$274,548.51	Gross Payroll	\$5,771.82
Total General Fund	\$623,089.71	Total Building & Zoning Fund	\$6,583.40

Millage/Road Patrol Fund		Sheriff's Youth Service Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,283.02	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$7,160.88	Prepaid Invoices	\$1,347.24
Gross Payroll	\$26,327.18	Gross Payroll	\$0.00
Total Millage Fund	\$34,771.08	Total Sheriff Youth Service Fund	\$1,347.24
Sports Complex Fund		P. R. E. Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$9,019.25	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$536.95	Prepaid Invoices	\$9,292.57
Total Sports Complex Fund	\$9,556.20	Gross Payroll	\$0.00
Tri-County 46th Trial Court		Total P. R. E. fund	\$9,292.57
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Central Dispatch Fund	
Prepaid Invoices	\$2,545.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$544.92
Total Tri-County Court	\$2,545.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$5,827.67
Friend of the Court		Gross Payroll	\$33,681.87
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$213.58	Total Central Dispatch Fund	\$40,054.46
Prepaid Invoices	\$2,148.70	Register of Deeds Automation Fund	
Gross Payroll	\$20,801.65	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$2,384.00
Total Friend of the Court	\$23,163.93	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Family Counseling Fund		Gross Payroll	\$0.00
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Total ROD Automation Fund	\$2,384.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$196.00	Courthouse Preservation Fund	
Total Family Counseling Fund	\$196.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
DHD#10 Fund		Prepaid Invoices	\$38.01
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	\$38.01
Prepaid Invoices	\$205.93	Law Library Fund	
Total DHD#10 Fund	\$205.93	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Airport Fund		Prepaid Invoices	\$1,284.00
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,303.00	Gross Payroll	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$7,413.60	Total Law Library Fund	\$1,284.00
Gross Payroll	\$65.00	Family/Probate Court	
Total Airport Fund	\$8,781.60	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Enforcement/Recycle Fund		Prepaid Invoices	\$17,793.36
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,115.25	Gross Payroll	\$14,308.14
Prepaid Invoices	\$1,029.89	Total Family/Probate Court	\$32,101.50
Gross Payroll	\$3,615.13	Fish Hatchery Fund	
Total Enforcement Fund	\$5,760.27		

		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$957.00
COPS in Schools Fund		Prepaid Invoices	\$111.81
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Total Fish Fund	\$1,068.81
Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00		
Gross Payroll	\$6,511.67	Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund	
Total COPS Fund	\$6,511.67	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
		Prepaid Invoices	\$393.03
		Total Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund	\$393.03

Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Lewis – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval Correspondence

Motion by Anderson, second by Wyman, to accept the correspondence as submitted. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Correspondence

1. Bay County Board – Resolution urging the State and Legislature to fully implement a plan to fund revenue sharing for counties in 2014.
2. Oceana County Board – Resolution requesting full funding of revenue sharing payments to counties.
3. 1st Congressional District, Dr. Benishek – Congratulations to Housing Commission for CDBG for rehabilitation of 9 homes in Crawford County. Commissioner Anderson remarked he was appreciative of the Congressmen’s comments.
4. AuSable River Property Owners Association – Encourage Commissioners to insist on provisions to protect the river and property values as they negotiate the Fish Hatchery lease.
5. Anglers of the AuSable – Request terms to protect the River within the Fish Hatchery Lease.
6. North Branch Outing Club – Grayling Fish Hatchery Lease.
7. MAC - Legislative updates for May 24, and June 3, 10, & 17, 2013.
8. Michigan Public Service Co – Notice of Hearing for Electric Customers on 6-26-13.
9. State Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs – Rules on Construction Codes.
10. Attorney Adam Vernon – Thanked board for interview on Commission on Aging.
11. Huron Pines – Requests for Proposals on Grayling Hatchery Fish Passage & Hydraulic Renovations. Commissioner Wyman inquired if there was background information. Chairman Stephenson advised Huron Pines is assisting and working with Mr. Vogler. This is an encompassing project that all parties need to work together on.
12. Grayling Chamber of Commerce – Junes 20 newsletter, Girl Scout Cookie Order Form; AuSable River Festival Festival & Canoe Marathon schedule of events.
13. MI State Housing Development Authority – Environmental Release Letter for 2011 CDBG Housing Resource Fund Fund.
14. US Department of Transportation – Appreciate expressed regarding letter of support to fund innovative transportation projects through the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.
15. MI DNR – Northern Lake Huron Management Unit June 2013 newsletter.
16. MI NE Connections – NEMCOG online tool to foster business.
17. State DNR – Natural Rivers Permit.
18. Crawford County – Class 3 parcels to dispose of. Members reviewed the list and remarked that this is a positive for our county. The Controller advised there will be another phase of land management from the State coming forward.
19. Department of Human Services – State no longer to fund AuSable Valley Youth Services Bureau.
20. Youth Service Bureau – Response to State cuts.

Department Reports

County Controller advised he was approached by the Historical Society that the water line coming in from the main is not in good shape. They (Historical Society) have requested approximately 170 feet of line be replaced and are asking for financing for the project. The Controller offered to inquire on the age of the water line from the main, and to seek bids.

The Controller inquired if the County wanted to send representatives to the MERS conference on behalf of the County and employees. They may choose not to attend.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to authorize the County appoint Paul Compo as the Employer Delegate and Joe Wakeley as the Employer Alternate to the MERS conference in Acme. Ayes (7) six, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Wyman – The Commissioner advised the M-93 Bicycle Bridge is in the design phase with MDOT having the final say so. County Road 612 is now paved from Frederic to the Kalkaska County line, the highway has some ripples in it, however, it does meet MDOT specifications. The Fletcher road project is progressing, as is the TIGER Grant. The commissioner inquired on whether there were still Fish Hatchery concerns. The Controller advised that fish passage specification, stream improvements will be positive improvements to the Hatchery and the county has to approve the project.

Commissioner Priebe - The Commissioner advised GRA has started a “Learn to Paddle” program to introduce young people to the sport of paddling. Camp Grayling has donated a shipping container to store their items right on the beach at Lake Margrethe.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised she has no Law Enforcement Committee Recommendations to make. The Commissioner advised MAC has taken a stand to help the north with legislative issues.

Commissioner Munsey – The Commissioner advised the Commission on Aging meetings are now at the RSVP building across the street from COA.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner advised he had no committee meeting report. The Commissioner gave a brief update for Northern Counties and the Medicare/Medicaid Health issues.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised the Youth Service issue will be brought through to the Audit Committee. The Crawford County Wildfire Plan should be moving forward to the DNR Forest Service for approval. The Commissioner advised that Crawford County is the leading county in the State for wild fires and this is important to our county.

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

MERS Restated Defined Contribution Plan

Motion by Lewis, second by Pinkelman, to approve the MERS Restated Defined Contribution Plan for Divisions 1 (General), 02 (COAM), 11 (General AFSCME), 14 (AFSCME District) and 20 (POAM). Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Controller/Administrator Employment Agreement

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to approve the three (3) year Employment Agreement for the County Controller/Administrator as presented. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Master Plan Update

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to approve the County Wide Master Plan Update, including Recreation Plan Proposal through M C Planning & Design in partnership with NEMCOG to the audit committee for FY-2014. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lewis, second by Wyman, to authorize the Executive Session minutes of June 13, 2013 as read. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

The Commissioner advised the July 10th LEPC meeting will be at the Grayling Fire Department at 2:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be Fracking.

Recycling Center Public Hearing

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to recess the regular board meeting and enter into the Recycling Center Public Hearing (10:01 a.m.) Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Chairman Stephenson opened the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. and requested the Controller explain the details of the Recycling Plan.

Controller Compo advised the Supervisors have met monthly for the past 4 years and this solution is feasible through PA 69 of 2001. The Act allows the county board to access up to \$25 per year for participation in a recycling program. The plan devised will be \$6.00 per year per property land holder to allow proper funding of the Grayling Recycling Center. This allows the county to purchase new bins to last long term and different trailers. This appears to be the best option for residents and the plan has been approved by all townships except Lovells. Lovells will be conducting their own recycling through partnership with Camp Grayling.

The following residents voiced concern and/or comments for or against the plan: Kelly Kitchen, Jane Kozlowski, Judy Chambers, Carol Conklin, David Smith and four Township Supervisors. The County defined the process is for one (1) year and will be reviewed each year forward. If the program is not successful then the County will discontinue the program.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor, Rick Harland explained the process and cost for folks to recycle and remarked that recycling is a lot cheaper than disposal. It was noted that the County needs to do a better job in educating the public.

Public Hearing Closure

Motion by Lewis, second by Wyman, to close the public hearing at 10:41 a.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 10:41 a.m. and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

Meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Recycling Service Plan

Commissioner Pinkelman thanked members serving on the recycling committee.

Motion by Wyman, second by Lewis, to support resolution 6/27/13-Recycling Service Plan for Crawford County 2013 under Public Act 69 of 2005. Roll Call: Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Anderson – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

New Business – None.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements

Commissioner Pinkelman advised she met and cooked with Dorothy Zender in Frankenmuth.

Controller Compo advised his son Nathan will have surgery on July 23, 2013 in Indianapolis, IN and the Controller will be absent the entire week.

Adjournment

Motion by Wyman, second by Munsey, to adjourn meeting at 10:56 a.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