

# Crawford County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 23rd day of April, 2015.

Invocation by Commissioner Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson.

Roll Call: Anderson, Jamison. Lewis, McClain, Pinkelman and Stephenson.

Absent – Priebe.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Joe Wakeley, Kevin Hunter, Dan Vogler and Dan Sanderson.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jamison, second by Lewis, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015 as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

### Approval of the Agenda

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

General Fund:		Building & Zoning Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	\$21,729.48	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,117.96
Prepaid Invoices	\$193,508.57	Prepaid Invoices	\$143.80
Gross Payroll	\$288,630.45	Gross Payroll	\$6,007.90
Total General Fund	\$503,868.50	Total Building & Zoning Fund	\$7,269.66
Millage/Road Patrol Fund		Sobriety Court	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$568.26	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$3,023.99	Prepaid Invoices	\$8,336.27
Gross Payroll	\$30,799.65	Gross Payroll	\$13,640.67
	\$34,391.90	Total Sobriety Court Fund	\$21,976.94
Tri-County 46th Trial Court		MSU Cooperative Extension Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$9,157.75
Prepaid Invoices	\$1,207.70	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Total Tri-County Court	\$1,207.70	Gross Payroll	\$0.00
		Total MSU fund	\$9,157.75
Friend of the Court		Central Dispatch Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$279.31	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$424.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$291.68	Prepaid Invoices	\$1,819.17
Gross Payroll	\$22,221.90	Gross Payroll	\$30,252.45
Total Friend of the Court	\$22,792.89	Total Central Dispatch Fund	\$32,495.62
Correction Officers Training Fund		Social Services Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$1,500.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$70.00
Total Correction Officers Training	\$1,500.00	Total Social Services Fund	\$70.00
2013 HSGP		Law Library Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$937.52
Prepaid Invoices	\$6,663.79	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Total 2013 HSGP	\$6,663.79	Total Law Library Fund	\$937.52
Airport Fund		Family/Probate Court	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$3,027.38	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$143.94	Prepaid Invoices	\$9,840.40
Gross Payroll	\$55.82	Gross Payroll	\$15,062.69
Total Airport Fund	\$3,227.14	Total Family/Probate Court	\$24,903.09

Recycling Fund		Bankhead Jones Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$197.62	Prepaid Invoices	\$8,972.05
Gross Payroll	\$334.17	Total Bankhead Jones Fund	\$8,972.05
Total Recycling Fund	\$531.79		
Landfill/Maintenance Fund		Sheriff's Youth Service Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$828.17	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$2,552.03	Prepaid Invoices	\$100.00
Gross Payroll	\$4,546.32	Total Sheriff's Youth Service Fund	\$100.00
Total Landfill/Maintenance fund	\$7,926.52		
COPS in Schools Fund		Register of Deeds Technology Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$13,593.83
Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Gross Payroll	\$7,013.09	Total ROD Technology Fund	\$13,593.83
Total COPS Fund	\$7,013.09	Veterans Service Relief Fund	
		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
		Prepaid Invoices	\$257.89
		Gross Payroll	\$896.90
		Total VS Relief Fund	\$257.89

Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe - absent, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Approval Correspondence**

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

### **Correspondence**

1. Bay County Board – Resolution urging our state legislators to consider requiring vaccinations in all school children unless there is a legitimate medical waiver.
2. Grayling Visitors Bureau – Annual Marketing Report for FY-2014.
3. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 9 – 2 in Crawford County Parking Lot.
4. Historical Society and Museum – April 2015 Newsletter.
5. MAC - Legislative Updates for April 3, 10 & 17, 2015.
6. Department of Military & Veterans Affairs – National Pilot Site at Camp Grayling on May 4 & 5, 2015. Commissioners to contact the camp if interested in attending.
7. DEQ – Invite to Governor’s Recycling Summit on May 5, 2015.
8. Huron Pines – 2015 Annual Meeting Invite.

### **Clerk Report**

The Clerk requested she be allowed to retain the services of Clairene Jorella for Commissioner meeting preparation materials during the Clerk’s stay in Arizona for her quadruplet grandchildren. The budget has been reviewed and there are adequate funds to accomplish this without amending her budget due to employee changes.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to authorize the Clerk to make a temporary appointment of Clairene Jorella for a total of 28 hours to prepare board packet materials and attend County Board Meetings to take minutes while the County Clerk is absent. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson - aye, Motion Carried.

The Clerk further invited members to attend the retirement party for Housing Director, Cy Wakeley at noon today at Gray Rock Café.

The Sheriff submitted the Sheriff’s Office 2014 Annual Report.

### **Controller Report**

#### **TIGER Grant – Letter of Support for I-75 Access Project**

Controller Compo advised a letter of support is necessary on the I-75 Access Project for a full interchange at North Down River Road and I-75.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by McClain, to adopt a resolution in support for the Grayling Access Project that will include the construction of a full service interchange at North Down River Road and I-75. This project will greatly increase the traffic flow in and out of the city while reducing the safety risks associated with emergency vehicles traveling in congested city streets. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

### **Little League Request**

Grayling Little League is requesting \$1,000 for a one time seed of the Little League ball field. The Board suggested a letter be written to inquire on maintenance after seeding, as the county cannot afford to maintain the field.

### **9-1-1 Surcharge**

Motion to Anderson, second by Lewis, to continue excepting the E-911 phone surcharge with the State. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

### **Road Commission Temporary Highway Easement and Permanent Easement**

The Controller circulated a letter to Road Commission Managing Director, Donald Babcock from Kenneth Arndt & Associates, Inc. regarding easements along North Down River Road. The board reviewed the documents and recommended the property descriptions be reviewed by the Equalization Department. The Road Commission will have to acquire easements from all property owners along North Down River from the Hatchery to I-75 and they are starting with the acquisition of county easements of 0.13 and 0.23 acres. Equalization Director Kevin Hunter agreed to define the descriptions prior to recording and the Clerk/Register stated the easements must meet the state recording requirements and will have to revise the form to allow for a 2 and ½ " margin at the top. Commissioner Jamison remarked that the County may be setting precedence with property values between one governmental agency to another.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to adopt a resolution to approve the Temporary Highway Easement Resolution for 0.13 acres of land, more or less for the consideration of \$1.00 and review the legal description with the Equalization Director and confirm that the easements meet the state recording requirements with the Register of Deeds. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson - aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to adopt a resolution to approve the Permanent Highway Easement Resolution for 0.23 acres of land, more or less for the consideration of \$1.00 and review the legal description with the Equalization Director and confirm that the easements meet the state recording requirements with the Register of Deeds. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson - aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Fish Hatchery Update**

Dan Vogler, President of Harrietta Hills Trout Farm indicated he continues to have issues with the DEQ and has tried to adjust the permit as reasonable as he can. There continues to be challenges by a couple of interest groups who oppose trout production at the Hatchery and the state is suggesting that Harrietta Hills invest in significant system modifications at the Hatchery to accommodate the Fish Passage. April 27 is the last date to either continue with the fish passage or withdraw the permit. Mr. Vogler advised he simply cannot delay the development of commercial trout production at the Hatchery to accommodate the Fish Passage Project. The Hatchery has a stable system that works and Harrietta Hills is committed to being responsible to the Grayling community. Mr. Vogler still has not received an answer to a question of the DEQ from 3 years ago.. The board is concerned that the state is setting us up for failure, and the process has gone as far as it can go with the next step being court.

Motion by Anderson, second by Pinkelman, to withdraw the fish passage permit 1420-001P through the DEQ until all county concerns are addressed. Roll Call:

Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Pinkelman, to submit a letter to representatives regarding the Fish Passage Project was withdrawn.

Controller Compo offered to write a letter to Matt Klitch from the State DEQ and copy the Governor.

Recess at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

### **2015 Equalization Report**

Equalization Director, Kevin Hunter presented the 2015 Equalization Report and Equalized Values.

Motion by Lewis, second by Pinkelman, to recommend the Board accept the 2015 County Equalization Report in the amount of \$612,647,825.00. Roll Call: Priebe – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

MAC and Counties are seeing an epidemic with business property ownership being filed with the tax Tribunal and the Equalization Directors are considering assessing box stores under the same criteria.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

### **Letter regarding Fish Passage Project**

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lewis, to submit a letter to Matt Klitch from the State DEQ, DNR, Huron Pines agency and the Governor with the reason to withdraw the DEQ Permit for the Fish Hatchery By-Pass Project. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – absent, Motion Carried.

### **Commissioner's Report**

**Commissioner Jamison** – The Commissioner advised she has some concerns regarding the Housing Commission board unity.

**Commissioner Priebe** - The Commissioner was absent.

**Commissioner Pinkelman** – The Commissioner advised she has no Law Enforcement Committee recommendations to report. The Commissioner announced we are 73 in ranking in County Health Rankings within the State and is seeking the reason why Crawford County ranks so poorly. The Commissioner suggested the County support House Bill 4182 for an amendment to the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Anderson, to support the passage of House Bill 4182 and send a copy of the resolution to State Senator Darwin Booher, Representative Bruce Rendon and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

The Commissioner advised she just received word that Commissioner Priebe will be inducted into the Clydesdale Horse Hall of Fame in Missouri.

**Commissioner McClain** – The Commissioner advised 6 housing applications were received and 5 applicants to be interviewed for the Directors position on the Housing Commission.

Commissioner Anderson announced the Oscoda Board only received 1 applicant (Cy Wakeley) thus the reason for the appointment of Cy to that board. Commissioner McClain announced that the Department of Human Services is not closing in Oscoda County; Hanson Hills did not have a quorum, and was unable to meet; GRA Annual Financial Report for FY 2014 was placed on file, and 20 tax returns were filled under the tax aid program at the Commission on Aging.

**Commissioner Stephenson** – The Commissioner advised there is a lot going on in the Community but it will all take time to progress.

**Commissioner Anderson** – The Commissioner reported his Personnel and Labor committee recommendation.

**Appointment to the Health & Human Services**

Motion by Anderson, second by McClain, to appoint Michelle (Shelley) Elmy to the Health & Human Service Board for a three (3) year term ending 10-31-18. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

**Veterans Service Counsel Appointments**

Motion by Anderson, second by Pinkelman, to appoint Kirk Wakefield to the Veterans Service Council for a three (3) year term ending 1-1-18. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Jamison, to appoint Shawn Kraycs to the Veterans Service Council for a one (1) year term ending 1-1-16. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by McClain, to appoint Commissioner Rick Anderson to the Veterans Service Council for a two (2) year term ending 1-1-17. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

The Commissioner suggested we attend a Roscommon Veterans Office meeting and meet with the VA Officer to see what our county future needs are. It was noted the VA Counsel will also conduct the business for the Soldiers & Sailors Board.

The Commissioner announced changes that are happening in Gaylord, Michigan.

**Commissioner Lewis** – The Commissioner reported his Ways & Means committee recommendations.

**Resolution To Borrow Against 2014 Delinquent Taxes**

Motion by Lewis, second by Pinkelman, to adopt a Resolution 4232015DT to borrow up to \$1,500,000 against Anticipated Delinquent 2014 Real Property Taxes. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe - absent, Stephenson – aye, , Motion Carried.

**Resolution of Agency**

Motion by Lewis, second by Pinkelman, to adopt the Resolution of Agency establishing the Crawford County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 4232015RA pursuant to Section 87c of Act No 2006, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe - absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

**Resolution – Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds to Finance Pension Liability**

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to adopt the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds to Finance Unfunded Pension Liability in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 and make available to the Public a comprehensive financial plan that contains the information required by Section 518(4) of Act 34, including, without limitation, an analysis of the County’s current and future obligations with respect to each of its retirement and postemployment health care benefit program. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe - absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

**New Business** – None.

**Citizens to Speak** – None.

**Announcements**

The Clerk reminded members of the May 5 Election for 7 percent sales tax. And noted the School will have a bond issue millage on August 4, 2015 for \$13,900,000.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Anderson, second by McClain, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and COAM Union Negotiations at 12:44 a.m. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – absent, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 12:44 p.m. and concluded at 1:12 p.m.

**Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 23, 2015 as read. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) none, Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to adjourn meeting at 1:13 p.m. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

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Dave Stephenson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Sandra Moore,  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds