

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 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 22nd day of January, 2015.

Invocation by Commissioner Wyman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Wyman.

Roll Call: Stephenson, Wyman, Priebe, McClain, Anderson and Lewis.

Absent – Pinkelman.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Kelly Hiemstra, Gretchen Stelter, Jack Mahank, Tom Coors and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Priebe, second by Lewis, to approve the Minutes for the December 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting with an addition under Commissioner Stephenson’s report as the Court is pursuing a “Mental Health Drug Court Grant”. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Organizational Board Minutes

Motion by Anderson, second by Priebe, to approve the Minutes for the January 08, 2015 Organizational Board Meeting as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Priebe, second by McClain, 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 Wyman, to authorize payment of the following claims:

General Fund:		Building & Zoning Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice	\$20,035.42	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$728.01
Prepaid Invoices	\$179,861.57	Prepaid Invoices	\$161.13
Gross Payroll	\$275,580.19	Gross Payroll	\$5,916.82
Total General Fund	\$475,477.18	Total Building & Zoning Fund	\$6,805.96
Millage/Road Patrol Fund		2013 Homeland Security Grant Program	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,664.08	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$31,321.34	Prepaid Invoices	\$6,413.81
Gross Payroll	\$31,592.59	Gross Payroll	\$0.00
Total Millage Fund	\$64,578.01	Total 2013 HSGP fund	\$6,413.81
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	\$2,879.88	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Total Tri-County Court	\$2,879.88	Gross Payroll	\$382.00
		Total MSU fund	\$9,539.75
Friend of the Court		Central Dispatch Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$207.61	Prepaid Invoices	\$1,702.62
Gross Payroll	\$21,408.29	Gross Payroll	\$31,317.35
Total Friend of the Court	\$21,615.90	Total Central Dispatch Fund	\$33,019.97
Family Counseling Fund		Courthouse Preservation Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$376.69
Prepaid Invoices	\$90.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Total Family Counseling Fund	\$90.00	Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	\$376.69
Sobriety Court			

Prepaid Invoices	\$3,405.62	Law Library Fund	
Gross Payroll	\$9,976.43	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$496.19
Total Sobriety Court	\$13,382.05	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
		Total Law Library Fund	\$496.19
DHD#10 Fund			
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Family/Probate Court	
Prepaid Invoices	\$370.70	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,926.00
Total DHD#10 Fund	\$370.70	Prepaid Invoices	\$8,899.64
		Gross Payroll	\$15,669.31
Airport Fund		Total Family/Probate Court	\$26,494.95
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,840.00		
Prepaid Invoices	\$204.79		
Gross Payroll	\$62.83	Sports Complex Fund	
Total Airport Fund	\$2,107.62	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
		Prepaid Invoices	\$259.08
Recycling Fund		Total Sports Complex fund	\$259.08
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00		
Prepaid Invoices	\$272.81		
Gross Payroll	\$562.81	Fish Hatchery Fund	
Total Recycling Fund	\$835.62	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
		Prepaid Invoices	\$7,731.00
Landfill/Maintenance Fund		Total Fish Hatchery Fund	\$7,731.00
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$2,551.59		
Prepaid Invoices	\$9,047.24	Soldiers & Sailors Fund	
Gross Payroll	\$4,462.31	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Total Landfill/Maintenance fund	\$16,061.14	Prepaid Invoices	\$1,496.17
		Total Soldiers & Sailors Fund	\$1,496.17
COPS in Schools Fund			
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Social Services Fund	
Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Gross Payroll	\$7,581.52	Prepaid Invoices	\$775.60
Total COPS Fund	\$7,581.52	Total Social Services Fund	\$775.60

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

Approval Correspondence

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

Correspondence

1. NEMCSA – Response to County Letter regarding possible Open Meetings Act Violations of Dec 16, 2014; Agenda & Personnel Minutes of Nov 14, 2014; Meeting Notice for Nov 14, 2014; Board Minutes of Dec 5, 2014; and Agenda for Jan 9, 2015 Meeting. Commissioner Lewis questioned what went wrong. Commissioner Priebe advised that the committee should have selected 3 applicants for consideration, instead, they announced who they selected and hired without a board choice being offered. The public agency did activity behind closed doors. Jack Mahank advised the NEMCSA board has difficulty understanding the FOIA and OMA rules. A letter was drafted by the Controller and it was discussed to refer the issue to the Attorney General for a legal opinion, as the agency is receiving public funds and must comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to refer the NEMCSA Open Meetings Act potential violations issue to the Attorney General for a legal opinion.

Motion Amended by Anderson, second by Priebe, to request a Legal Opinion from the Attorney General regarding Open Meetings Act violations by a public entity (NEMCSA and quasi government agencies) that is receiving public funds.

Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

NEMCSA member Jack Mahank indicated Public Act 230 allows for the Public Entity to exist and there is legislation that defines the agencies guidelines.
2. MAC – Legislative Updates for December 19, 2014 and January 9, & 16, 2015.
3. State Housing Development Authority – Home Grant #2010-0214 Monitoring Follow-up.
4. FOIA & OMA Free Seminar – Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 9:00 to 3:00 in Lenawee County.

5. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – Open House for CEO Greg Paffhouse retirement at NLCMH Building on 105 Hall St, Traverse City, MI on Friday, Jan 30, 2015 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
6. Mercy Hospital Cadillac / Grayling – Notification of name change from Mercy Hospital Grayling to “Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital”.
7. NEMCOG – Program Highlights 7-1/12-31-14.
8. Michigan Association of Regions – Resolution of Support for May 5, 2015 Ballot Proposal to Increase Michigan Transportation Funding. Commissioner Anderson advised NEMCOG couldn’t adopt a resolution due to the lack of quorum and he expressed his disapproval for the tax increase.
Motion by Anderson, to request the Controller prepare a resolution in opposition of the May 5, 2015 tax increase fails for lack of support.
9. UpNorth Prevention – Proclaim April 2015 as Social Host Awareness Month.

MSU Extension - Introduction of New Educator

MSU Extension Educator, Kelley Hiemstra introduced Crawford’s new Health and Nutrition Educator, Gretchen Stelter. Ms. Stelter will work with Disease Prevention & Management as the new PATH Educator. Ms. Stelter advised she is happy with the area, and looking forward to working in Crawford County.

Department Report

Construction Board of Appeals Update

County Clerk/Register Sandra Moore and Controller Compo advised a mailing went out to all Licensed Builders, Plumbers, Electricians, and those that qualify under the Construction Board of Appeal requirements. Those that apply may interview at the February Personnel & Labor Committee Meeting.

County Controller Paul Compo4 Candidates from the Interview/Selection Committee for Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Priebe second by McClain, to give the Interview Selection Committee the authority to hire the best candidate for the Veterans Service Officer. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

The Controller advised the Norway Street location is coming together towards the MSU move. Carpet will be installed next week with wiring and internet to follow. MSU Extension employees are working with the area layout and phone lines will be a standalone system.

The Controller inquired on those attending the MAC Conference in Lansing in March 2015. Only Commissioner Pinkelman and the Controller are planning to attend.

Unfinished Business – None.

Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Wyman – Commissioner Wyman advised the Road Commission is working on labor negotiations. The Commissioner advised the signage question from Commissioner Pinkelman and Frederic Township is being reviewed. The Commissioner advised the Housing Commission had a two (2) hour meeting and is still struggling with funding issues and the need for more projects and more manpower and the need for a third party administrator (TPA). The Controller advised they have the largest grant they have ever received and the board is trying to get a decent administration funding report to accomplish the need for additional coverage while the funding is not yet in place. The Board is reviewing the By-Laws Hiring policy and it was noted the Appropriations Act supersedes the By-laws for all hiring.

Commissioner Priebe - The Commissioner advised Hanson Hills is not having a good year due to lack of snow. Library auxiliary building is now insured and the Frederic Library contents also insured. Crawford Per Diem schedule was reviewed as the Library has been paying per diem for telephone conference calls. Commissioner Stephenson advised that Northern Lakes CMH has a policy that if you can see the person through their technology then they can vote. A notice should be sent to the Library advising that if the person can be seen, recognized and heard they can

participate and vote, however, in compliance with county policy they must be physically present to be paid per diem.

Commissioner Pinkelman – The Commissioner was absent and had no no Law Enforcement Committee Recommendations to report.

Commissioner McClain –The Commissioner advised DHS is going well; COA met and the tax assessment program from NEMCSA has 150 hours available for residents that fall within the guidelines. The Commissioner advised COA will review The Year End report tonight.

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

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board Reappointment

Motion by Anderson, second by Wyman, to reappoint Dave Stephenson to the North Central Community Mental Health (NLCMH) Board effective immediately for a three (3) year term ending 3-31-18. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Appointments

Motion by Anderson, second by Wyman, to reappoint Bernie Feldhauser to the County Planning Commission representing Maple Forest Township for a term ending 12-31-17. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Priebe, to appoint Deb Friedman to the County Planning Commission representing Frederic Township for a term ending 12-31-17. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

The Commissioner advised that NEMCOG is sending information out monthly through e-mail. The Commissioner attended a Water Quality meeting at Grayling Township and our Master Plan was highlighted. The Commissioner reported Rick Duell from NEMCOG is retiring next month.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised Community Mental Health and Department of Human Services is consolidating and the county impact is uncertain. The Firewise Program is now approved by all boards, the LEPC and subcommittee is breaking it down and prioritizing needs. The Commissioner announced that Doug Pratt is doing well with Emergency Management and Mr. Pratt is working with Susan Thiel on proper county signage. The Commissioner indicated that Northern Lakes Community Mental Health has new board members elected.

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

District Health Department Lease Agreement

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to authorize the county to enter into the District Health Department Annual Lease Agreement for 2015 as presented. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Priebe – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lewis, second by Priebe, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2015 as read. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Gail King Settlement Agreement

Motion by Lewis, second by Priebe to authorize the Board to approve the settlement agreement between the County and Gail King as offered. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Priebe – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Anderson – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

New Business – None.

Extended Public Comment

Tom Coors advised that Priority Health does not cover more than 30 visits for rehabilitation. Mr. Coors retired under the Blue Cross Policy which was covered and requested the County look at the coverage. The Controller to review the coverage between Blue Cross and Priority Health for Mr. Coors.

Announcements – None.

Executive Session

Motion by Priebe, second by Wyman, to recess the regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session to review pending Litigation at 11:45 a.m. Roll Call: Pinkelman – absent, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Wyman – aye, Anderson - aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 11:45 a.m. and concluded at 11:52 a.m.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Lewis, second by Priebe, to adopt the Executive Session Minutes of 1-22-15 as read. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by McClain, second by Anderson, to adjourn meeting at 11:55 a.m. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds