

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson at 10:01 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 28th day of April, 2016.

Invocation by Commissioner Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson.

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

Absent – Pinkelman.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Doug Pratt, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Bill Kerr, Joe Wakeley, and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016 as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

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

General Fund:		Building & Zoning Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	\$72,013.83	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,721.37
Prepaid Invoices	\$207,688.03	Prepaid Invoices	\$149.21
Gross Payroll	\$284,038.81	Gross Payroll	\$6,339.78
Total General Fund	\$563,740.67	Total Building & Zoning Fund	\$8,210.36
Millage/Road Patrol Fund		MSU Cooperative Extension Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$8,110.13	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$29,539.24	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Gross Payroll	\$34,285.20	Gross Payroll	\$498.29
Total Millage/Road Patrol Fund	\$71,934.57	Total MSU fund	\$498.29
Sobriety Court		Central Dispatch Fund	
Prepaid Invoices	\$13,171.30	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$274.92
Gross Payroll	\$11,390.71	Prepaid Invoices	\$5,011.63
Total Sobriety Court Fund	\$24,562.01	Gross Payroll	\$29,387.03
Tri-County 46th Trial Court		Total Central Dispatch Fund	
Prepaid Invoices	\$3,894.70		\$34,673.58
Total Tri-County Court	\$3,894.70	Social Services Fund	
Friend of the Court		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$502.96		
Prepaid Invoices	\$2,959.14	Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	\$23,654.23	Total Social Services Fund	
Total Friend of the Court	\$27,116.33		
D10HD		Law Library Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	\$617.90		
Total D10HD	\$617.90	Prepaid Invoices	
Airport Fund		Total Law Library Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00		
Prepaid Invoices	\$2,939.57	Family/Probate Court	
Gross Payroll	\$71.17	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Total Airport Fund	\$3,010.74		
		Prepaid Invoices	
		Total Family/Probate Court	
		Special Projects Fund	
		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
		Prepaid Invoices	

		Total Special Projects Fund	\$224.33
Recycling Fund			
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Sports Complex Fund	
Prepaid Invoices	\$166.34	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00
Gross Payroll	\$451.29	Prepaid Invoices	\$222.72
Total Recycling Fund	\$617.63	Total Sports Complex Fund	\$222.72
Landfill/Maintenance Fund		Register of Deeds Technology Fund	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$4,604.98	Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$14,273.53
Prepaid Invoices	\$50.51	Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00
Gross Payroll	\$3,691.48	Total ROD Technology Fund	\$14,273.53
Total Landfill/Maintenance fund	\$8,346.97		
		Veterans Service Relief Fund	
COPS in Schools Fund		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,583.00
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$2,962.65
Prepaid Invoices	\$0.00	Gross Payroll	\$1,630.60
Gross Payroll	\$5,457.51	Total VS Relief Fund	\$4,545.65
Total COPS Fund	\$5,457.51		
		Courthouse Preservation Fund	
2014 HSGP		Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$1,275.97
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	\$0.00	Prepaid Invoices	\$3,550.00
Prepaid Invoices	\$16,803.94	Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	\$4,825.97
Total 2014 HSGP	\$16,803.94		

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

Approval Correspondence

Motion by Anderson, 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 to support a legislative fix with the Michigan Tax Tribunal for tax assessments; Resolution urging State Transparency.
2. Iron County Board – Resolution urging State Transparency.
3. Roscommon County Board – Resolution to Support SB 703 to remove the restriction on how county officials communicate with their constituents about local ballot questions.
4. MAC - Legislative Updates for March 25 and April 1, 8 & 15, 2016.
5. Michigan County Matters – Newsletter.
6. Michigan League for Public Policy – Crawford County sees 5 percent increase in child poverty.
7. Veterans Assistance Fair – May 5, 2016 @ Treetops Resort in Gaylord from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm.
8. Grayling Visitors Report – Annual Marketing Report for FY 2015.
9. Sheriff Department – FY 2015 Annual Report.
10. Northern Michigan Children’s Assessment Center – Thank you for support of NMCAC.

Clerk Report

The Clerk advised she ran the Housing Commission advertisement in the paper, no one has applied and present board member, Juanita Bilinski has submitted a request for reappointment.

Motion by Anderson, second by Jamison, to reappoint Juanitta Bilinski to the Housing Commission Board for a term ending April 15, 2021. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

The Clerk advised she has received a resignation from Carol Lovely from the Commission on Aging and posted the vacancy in the newspaper for a May 9, 2016 deadline.

The Clerk indicated she has placed the Northern Michigan Counties 2016 Edition of Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits and District Health Department #10 2015 Annual Report on file.

2016 Equalization Report

Equalization Director, William Kerr presented the 2016 Equalization Report and Equalized Values. The report is an assemblage of information starting in April and ending in October 2015 with the final value. This information is comprised of sales and appraisals studies. The true cash value is compared against the Assessors value for each municipality. This data is listed, checked, valued and recorded and then submitted to commissioners for approval. Mr. Kerr advised real estate has picked up 5% this year and hopefully by 10% next year.

Motion by Lewis, second by Anderson, to recommend the Board accept the 2016 County Equalization Report in the amount of \$613,405,479.00. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Emergency Manager Report

Emergency Manager, Doug Pratt advised he received a \$1,000 Grant for Hazmat Sara Title III. Local Fire Departments will perform a walk through May 18th at the Linn Energy Plant in Maple Forest Plan and will partake in an exercise at Maple Forest Township the same day.

The State MOU between the MI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Crawford County needs to be accepted by county, It was noted the Firewise grant period is running quickly and we (the County) needs the placement of road signs on State owned lands. Mr. Pratt will sit down to confirm names and then on to the sign shop.

There remain Sara Title II & III through LEPC issues that will be submitted to the County once the data base is set up and running. If there is an incident information will be retrieved more efficiently.

Controller Report

Controller Paul Compo advised the Commission on Aging has hired Lori Darga as the Advocacy and Resource Coordinator / Veterans Service Officer joint position. Ms. Darga will work part-time COA Medicare/Medicaid and part-time VSO. The County will interview for another part-time VSO.

The Airport board met and appointed Lt Col Theresa Brown to replace Tom Perison and the Federal Aviation has lowered the hanger threshold which would allow us to have 1 more hanger. The FAA is taking a more serious look at vertical obstacles.

The Controller remarked that we have a Pre-Trial scheduled for June 9 for a housing client that is undergoing mediation as he failed to pay a debt with EDF and has since declared bankruptcy. He will be getting his bankruptcy documents to our County Attorney Sabin to try and rectify the situation.

Unfinished Business – None.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Jamison – The Commissioner advised the Collaborative Body learned that 3 of the 5 locations sold to under age residents. The Commissioner states that 5 lives were saved in Grand Traverse County. The Housing Commission is working on loans to clear their books. The Commissioner placed the MSHDA Strategic Plan on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Priebe - The Commissioner indicated Col Brown introduced herself and offered services for Camp Grayling DPW services for Hanson Hills. The Hills is purchasing a new truck. The Commissioner placed the NEMCSA financial statement on file, as well as the Statement of Financial Condition for Head Start, and Estimated FY16 Operating Budget. The Commissioner reported Commissioner Pinkelman's Law Enforcement Committee recommendation.

Motion by Priebe, second by Lewis, to authorize the County Controller to draft a letter to MSP for our Annual 9-1-1 Surcharge. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pinkelman – The Commissioner was absent.

Commissioner McClain – The Commissioner indicated the Commission on Aging is going through many changes in personnel; Department of Human Services is going well; Northern MI Counties discussed road funding; and the Commissioner attended a great program on Wood Base Thermal Energy and supplied copies from MSU Extension to the Clerk.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner requested a letter from MAC regarding the correlation between the level of poverty and the need for services as the county ranks 64th in child well being for Crawford County. The Commissioner would like to see an accounting as to why we aren't seeing results when we are spending money. Commissioner Anderson voiced concern that children are cut from the program if they make too much money.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner reported his Personnel and Labor committee recommendations. The Commissioner indicated Bell Arm Trail will support our Recreation area.

Resolution Supporting Increased Funding from DOC for Residential Treatment Providers

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to adopt a resolution supporting increased funding from the Department of Corrections for Residential Treatment Providers and send a copy to State Senator Booher, State Representative Rendon and MAC. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Airport Zoning Board Appointment

Motion by Anderson, second by Lewis, to appoint Lt Col Theresa Brown to the Airport Zoning Board for a three (3) year term ending 4-28-19. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

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

Maple Forest Emergency Services Renewal Proposal

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to approve the Maple Forest Township Emergency Services Renewal Proposal for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Priebe – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Jamison – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

MERS Drop Program

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to prepare a letter to MERS voicing discouragement with the MERS DROP Program process. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

New Business – None.

Citizens to Speak – None.

Announcements

Commissioner Stephenson announced he will be a great grandfather at the end of the year.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, second by McClain, to adjourn meeting at 11:08 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