

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting of October 27, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson, at 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan on the 27th day of October, 2009.

Invocation by Commissioner Lange.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Hanson.

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

Absent – Beardslee.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Linda Cronk, Kevin Hunter, Ken Riehle, Don Babcock and Joe Wakeley.

Approval of Agenda

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

Correspondence – None.

2009 Millage Apportionment Report

Equalization Director, Kevin Hunter reviewed millage rates for the County.

Motion by Hanson, second by Pinkelman, to adopt the following 2009 Millage Apportionment Report:

Crawford County		Lovells Township	
Allocated	6.0925	Allocated	0.8238
Public Transit	0.7027	Voted-Landfill	1.8053
Comm on Aging	0.4685	Special Assessment	<u>2.0000</u>
Grayling Rec Authority	0.4845	by class	
Library Debt	0.2200	Total	4.6291
Library Operational	0.4458	Maple Forest Township	
Sheriff Dept Oper	0.8917	Allocated	0.8149
Road	<u>1.0000</u>	Voted-Fire	<u>1.0000</u>
Total	10.3057	Total	1.8149
Crawford AuSable School		South Branch Township	
Homestead Operation	6.0000	Allocated	0.8475
Non-Homestead Oper	18.0000	Voted-Operation	<u>0.9797</u>
Debt Retirement	<u>4.2000</u>	Total	1.8272
Total	28.2000	Gaylord Community School	
Gerrish-Higgins School		Homestead	6.0000
Homestead Operation	6.0000	Non-Homestead Oper	18.0000
Non-Homestead Oper	18.0000	Voted-Debt	2.4100
Debt Retirement	<u>1.8700</u>	Extra Voted Operation	<u>1.1378</u>
Total	25.8700	Total	27.5478
Kirtland Community College		C.O.P. Intermediate	
Voted-Operation	2.1093	Allocated	0.2597
Debt	<u>0.1100</u>	Voted-Extra	0.6418
Total	2.2193	Voted-Operation	<u>0.8458</u>
COOR Intermediate		Total	1.7473
Allocated-Operation	0.2530	City of Grayling	
Voted-Special Ed	<u>0.7500</u>	Charter Operation	14.8000
Total	1.0030	Grayling Township	
Beaver Creek Township		Allocated	0.8768
Allocated	0.9701		
Frederic Township			
Allocated	0.8531		
Voted-Fire	1.9532		
Voted-Ambul	<u>0.9500</u>		
Total	3.7563		

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

MSU Extension – Budget Issues and Resolution

MSU Extension Director, Linda Cronk thanked members for their continued support of MSU Extension. Ms. Cronk informed members that Governor Granholm may exercise her line item veto power which will result in zero funding for MSUE and MAES budgets. Ms. Cronk reviewed several statistics of MSUE and MAES and advised that agriculture contributes \$71.3 billion annually with the potential to grow because of bio-energy and related bio-industry growth. MSUE and MAES have had a valued partnership with county, state and federal government for 86 years. Michigan is well positioned to be a leader in the bio-economy. Significant annual funding will not come to MSU to support programs: \$16.4 million in annual federal allocation connected to land-grant programs, i.e. Smith-Lever, Hatch Act funding; and \$21.5 million in county support of MSUE programs. Ms. Cronk advised 3,032 employees are affected by this situation and Michigan will be the only state in the nation to not have a university with comprehensive land-grant programs. MSU Extension feels this is a political ploy and needs the support of 31 democrats to override the veto. Ms. Cronk requested the board contact the Governor and legislators before the reputation of MSU is damaged. Discussion followed to seek the green wave before it goes to the Governors desk.

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to approve Resolution 102709 urging the Legislature to override the line-item veto of MSUE and MAES funding as the drastic cuts are unacceptable solutions to the state’s budget problem. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Road Commission Millage Request

Road Commission Chairman Ken Riehle advised the City voted yesterday (10-26-09) to approve the Allocation Agreement as presented by County Attorney David Stoker and thanked members for their support.

Motion by Hanson, second by Rogers, to approve the Millage Levy Agreement between the County of Crawford and the Board of County Road Commissioners. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

New Business

Resolution Honoring Paul W. Smith

Motion by Pinkelman, second by Lange, to adopt the Resolution honoring Deputy Paul W. Smith for over 35 years of service to Crawford County Sheriff’s Department and wish him continued success in his retirement. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Any Other Business that May Legally be Conducted - None.

Public Comment – None.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adjourn meeting at 4:59 p.m. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
County Clerk