

# Crawford County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson, at 9:31 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

Invocation by Chairman Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

Roll Call: Stephenson, Rogers, Hanson, Munsey, Anderson and Beardslee.

Absent – Pinkelman.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Kirk Wakefield, Brian Ashton, Jay Stephan, John Chad, Ron Koutnik, Cynthia Infante', Doug Jensen, Larry Rouse, Jon Kren, Bill Nicholas, Rick Arndt, Sharon Arndt and Dan Sanderson.

### Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Rogers, second by Hanson, to accept the Minutes for the January 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none, absent (1) one, Motion Carried.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Brief Public Comment – None.

Brian Ashton requested names, addresses and e-mails of elected officials for Crawford County. The Clerk suggested Mr. Ashton pick that information up at the Clerk's window or she will e-mail the list to him.

Commissioner Pinkelman now present (9:37 a.m.)

### Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

Motion by Rogers, second by Hanson, to authorize payment of the following claims:

#### General Fund:

Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	27,276.00
Prepaid Invoices	169,082.89
Gross Payroll	261,068.01
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b><u>457,426.90</u></b>

#### Millage/Road Patrol Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	6,730.16
Prepaid Invoices	971.79
Gross Payroll	31,803.23
<b>Total Millage Fund</b>	<b><u>39,505.18</u></b>

#### Title V Planning Grant

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	27.23
Gross Payroll	575.24
<b>Total Title V Fund</b>	<b><u>602.47</u></b>

#### Tri-County 46th Trial Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	8,890.73
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Tri-County Court</b>	<b><u>8,890.73</u></b>

#### Friend of the Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	1,737.66

Gross Payroll	15,310.57
<b>Total Friend of the Court</b>	<b><u>17,048.23</u></b>

**Airport Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	4,632.04
Prepaid Invoices	1,418.73
Gross Payroll	64.02
<b>Total Airport Fund</b>	<b><u>6,114.79</u></b>

**Enforcement/Recycle Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,525.23
Prepaid Invoices	407.25
Gross Payroll	4,467.39
<b>Total Enforcement Fund</b>	<b><u>6,399.87</u></b>

**COPS in Schools Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	0.00
Gross Payroll	4,922.36
<b>Total COPS Fund</b>	<b><u>4,922.36</u></b>

**Bankhead - Jones fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	94,866.30
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total B - J Fund</b>	<b><u>94,866.30</u></b>

**Building & Zoning Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,028.30
Prepaid Invoices	366.32
Gross Payroll	5,267.96
<b>Total Building &amp; Zoning Fund</b>	<b><u>7,662.58</u></b>

**D.A.R.E. Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,120.81
Prepaid Invoices	0.00
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total DARE Fund</b>	<b><u>2,120.81</u></b>

**MSU Cooperative Extension Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	15.21
Prepaid Invoices	0.00
Gross Payroll	926.47
<b>Total MSU fund</b>	<b><u>941.68</u></b>

**Central Dispatch Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	425.44
Prepaid Invoices	70.81
Gross Payroll	30,025.35
<b>Total Central Dispatch Fund</b>	<b><u>30,521.60</u></b>

**Correction Officer Training Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	200.00
Prepaid Invoices	0.00
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Correction Ofc. Training Fund</b>	<b><u>200.00</u></b>

**Courthouse Preservation Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	434.00
Prepaid Invoices	800.00
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Courthouse Preservation Fund</b>	<b><u>1,234.00</u></b>

**Law Library Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	403.48
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Library Fund</b>	<b><u>403.48</u></b>

**Family/Probate Court**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	21,178.24
Gross Payroll	13,705.42
<b>Total Family/Probate Court</b>	<b><u>34,883.66</u></b>

**Fish Hatchery Fund**

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	0.00
Prepaid Invoices	30.77
Gross Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Fish Fund</b>	<b><u>30.77</u></b>

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

**Correspondence**

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

1. Alcona County Board – Resolution in opposition to increasing the so-called quiet areas by a ban on firearm hunting and snowmobile use in areas within the Huron-Manistee National Forests.
2. Charlevoix County Board – Resolution demanding that Information Memorandum 16 be immediately withdrawn and the Remonumentation grant process for 2011 may proceed without unconstitutional restrictions.
3. Lake County Board – Resolution stating opposition to increasing the so-called quiet areas by a ban on firearm hunting and snowmobile use in areas within the Huron-Manistee National Forests.
4. Department of Human Services – Reorganizing geographic assignments/Child Care Fund Specialists.
5. Department of Human Services – Introduction of Heather Rosales, Child Care Fund Specialist.
6. State DNR – Remedial Action Plan/Landfill Inspection.
7. MAC – Legislative updates for January 21, & 28, and February 4, & 11, 2011.
8. MAC – County dividend check for Workers Compensation Agency, Self-Insured Programs Division.
9. Representative Peter Pettalia – Communication to Huron-Manistee National Forest Planner regarding House Resolution 17 expressing to Congress and the US Forest Service our opposition to a policy to prohibit hunting and snowmobiling in the Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Areas of the Huron-Manistee National Forest.

**Grayling Township Resident – Foreclosure Issue**

Grayling Township resident, Jay Stephan submitted the History of Michigan’s Constitution, Michigan Election Law Act 116 of 1954, Article II – Elections Section 1 - Qualifications of Electors – residence, Section 6 of the Michigan Election Law, and Section 3 and 6 for Property taxation, and Real and tangible personal property. Mr. Stephan requested a copy of the law that allows for taxes to be imposed of another man’s land. Mr. Stephan’s property will be foreclosed on if taxes are not paid by March 31, 2011 and he has refused to pay a portion of the tax. There has been an appeal hearing before Judge Allen and he expressed his disappointment in that process. Mr. Stephan advised the tax is unconstitutional and reiterated that Section 6 of the Michigan Election law only allows for taxation of no more then 20 years. The County has three (3) millages without expiration dates: 1.) Dial-a-ride August 1988 proposal would have expired in 2008. 2.) Commission on Aging Millage Renewal in August 1992 – which will be brought back up in 2012. 3.) Proposal for Separate Tax Limitation from November 3, 1992. The County

Clerk provided copies of ballot millage requests that were approved by county voters. Chairman Stephenson advised the county to respond in writing to Mr. Stephan.

### **Department Report**

#### **Controller Report**

Controller Paul Compo advised the county must pass a resolution to continue the 9-1-1 annual phone surcharge to continue collections.

Motion by Rogers, second by Hanson, to authorize the County to continue to collect \$2.35 on the Annual phone surcharge for 9-1-1. Roll Call: Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

The Controller advised he spoke with Bill Carpenter from MSU Extension regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the MSU and the County regarding Extension Programs. Mr. Carpenter indicated the Extension Services needs approximately \$49,000.00 for their annual budget. The Controller advised the county is aware of the need and will continue to discuss the issue as the extension service is a vital program within our community.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield inquired on whether the county responded to the US Forest Service regarding a policy to prohibit hunting and snowmobiling in the Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Areas of the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Chairman Stephenson advised the County previously sent opposition to the resolution.

#### **ORV Ordinance**

Motion by Anderson, second by Munsey, to open the Public Hearing for the ORV Ordinance (10:04 a.m.). Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Chairman Stephenson opened the scheduled Crawford County ORV Ordinance and read the proposed changes from Lovells, Maple Forest and South Branch Townships.

Grayling Township resident, Doug Jensen expressed concerns with the ORV traffic traveling down McIntyres Landing Road as it carries a 45 MPH speed limit and folks are traveling too fast. It was noted that McIntyres Landing Road is the only access to Lake Margrethe and ORV's are prohibited in a State Forest which is at the end of the road. Sheriff Wakefield advised he would like to see a petition drive to lower the speed limit along that road.

John Chad, ATV Director expressed the need for more education and safety instructions. New signage for ORV identification is coming with markers placed every ½ mile throughout the State. Mr. Chad advised he is a member of Michigan Snowmobile Trails Council and they now have highly visible safety green signs within the Michigan trail system.

Motion by Hanson, second by Rogers, to close the ORV Public Hearing at 10:32 a.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Rogers, to modify our ORV Ordinance as submitted by Lovells, Maple Forest and South Branch Townships effective as soon as is published in the newspaper. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Motion Carried.

It was noted that there remains some issues with the trails connecting to the Roscommon trail.

#### **Tom Coors / Retiree Health Insurance**

Tom Coors appeared to notify the Board that retiree's are having difficulty using the Priority Health Insurance when out of Michigan. Mr. Coors advised he contacted our Priority Health Representative and learned that in network coverage is only available through an emergency room visit or an urgent care clinic. Mr. Coors indicated the insurance is not comparable to the Blue Cross that they had. The Controller indicated the out of network cost vary. Chairman Stephenson requested a Priority Health Representative come in to speak to the Board in the near future.

#### **Unfinished Business** – None.

## **Commissioner's Report**

**Commissioner Rogers** – The Commissioner reported the Ways & Means Committee recommendations.

### **2-1-1 Northeast Michigan / Get Help**

Motion by Rogers, second by Pinkelman, to send a letter of support to the Michigan Department of Human Services, Collaborative Body for Crawford County and authorize \$2,130 for costs to implement the 2-1-1 Northeast Michigan Program. Roll Call: Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Resolution to Borrow Against 2010 Taxes**

Motion by Rogers, second by Anderson, to adopt Resolution 21611DT to borrow up to \$1,900,000 against Anticipated Delinquent 2010 Real Property Taxes. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Resolution of Agency**

Motion by Rogers, second by Anderson, to adopt the Resolution of Agency establishing the Crawford County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 21611RA pursuant to Section 87b of Act No 2006, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Depository and Investment Resolution**

Motion by Rogers, second by Hanson, to adopt the Depository and Investment Resolution 21611DI for Crawford County and appoint County Treasurer, Joseph Wakeley as the County Agent of Record. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

### **1-Year Hardship Extension from Foreclosure**

Motion by Rogers, second by Hanson, to accept the Residential Foreclosure Policy 21611RF as a One (1) year Hardship Extension from Foreclosure as written by Attorney David R. Sabin. Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – aye, Hanson – aye, Munsey – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Rogers, second by Beardslee, to accept the Executive Session minutes of February 3, 2011 as read. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Hanson** - The Commissioner advised he has no report.

**Commissioner Pinkelman** - The Commissioner advised she had no Law Enforcement Committee Recommendations to report. The Commissioner indicated she attended the Maple Forest Township meeting and they requested the county allow for all of Town Line road to be open to ORV traffic, which it is now.

**Commissioner Munsey** –The Commissioner advised she attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and heard a presentation by Wayne Koppa for the bicycle path to continue from the High School to Frederic. The Commissioner reported the Commission on Aging will not be meeting next month and the Valentine's dinner will be tomorrow night.

**Commissioner Stephenson** – The Commissioner advised the AuSale Youth Service Bureau is still struggling with funding and the criteria has changed, however, there is a great need for counseling with youth in the community.

**Commissioner Anderson** – The Commissioner deferred his Personnel & Labor Committee Recommendation to Commissioner Beardslee. The Commissioner advised he attended the Lovell’s Township Supervisor, Fred Schaibly retirement luncheon and awarded the county placque. Mr. Schaibly was touched with the large number in attendance.

**Commissioner Beardslee** – The Commissioner announced that NEMCSA has funding available for those in need to help with fuel costs. The Commissioner reported the Personnel & Labor Committee recommendation.

**Library Appointment**

Motion by Beardslee, second by Rogers, to appoint Carol Lovely to the Library Board for a term ending 6-30-12. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

**New Business** – None.

**Extended Public Comment** – None.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Rogers announced that Jeff Daniels will be at the school this Saturday, February 19, 2011 @ 8:00 p.m. with proceeds to help the Artisan Center. The Commissioner also reported there will be an E-commerce class at the Library for those interested in starting a business. Commissioner Beardslee will be out of State from February 28 – April 1, 2011.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Hanson, second by Munsey, to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

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Dave Stephenson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds