

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2021

The Virtual Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson, Shelly Pinkelman at 10:02 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 28th day of October, 2021.

Invocation by Commissioner Jamison.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lewis.

Roll Call: Pinkelman, Jamison, Gray, Jansen, Lewis, and Powers.

Absent – McClain.

Michele Moshier, Deputy County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Judge Monte Burmeister, Judge Colin Hunter, Angie Cragg, Ryan Swope, Robert Englebrecht, Hannah Dysinger, Caleb Casey, Marcia Koppa, Deb Friedman, Cheryl Ruley, L. Jansma and Shawn Krays.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Jamison, second Jansen, to approve the Minutes for the October 14, 2021 Regular Virtual Board Meeting as presented. Roll Call: Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis - aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Jamison, second by Gray, to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Jansen – aye, Lewis - aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Conflict of Interest Declared – None.

Court Security

Probate Judge Monte Burmeister gave an overview of the need for additional security for the county building with input from Circuit Judge Colin Hunter and Undersheriff Ryan Swope. The Judge suggested the county allocate \$60,000 - \$100,000 for front door security measures.

Motion by Jansen, second by Jamison, for the audit committee to review security measure cost options and bring a recommendation back to the County Board.

Roll Call: Lewis - aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment - None.

Chairperson Pinkelman called for a motion to enter into Public Hearing for CBDG Block Grant.

Public Hearing – MI CDBG Program Income

Motion by Lewis, second by Jamison, to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into a Public Hearing for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant for Program Income (10:39 a.m.). Roll Call: McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis - aye, Motion Carried.

Housing Commission Director, Hannah Dysinger provided members with a power point presentation regarding the CDBG Block Grant Funding for Program Income for Home Rehabilitation Funds. Ms. Dysinger indicated the County proposes to apply for up to \$99,350.71 ~~\$287,332.34~~ CDBG funds to ~~reimburse unbudgeted costs to multiple municipalities and non-profit agencies/organizations within Crawford County associated with CoVid 19.~~ use for homeowner emergency repairs within entire county. The funding is for a variety of activities such as roof repairs, water heaters, plumbing, electrical, etc ~~for the prevention, mitigation and response to CoVid 19, specifically healthcare equipment, public services and salary reimbursement,~~ or other CDBG eligible costs as necessary to ~~respond to CoVid 19~~ and benefit at least 51% low to moderate income persons.

Public Hearing began at 10:39 a.m. and concluded at 10:56 a.m. with no public comment heard.

Motion by Priebe, second by Jamison, to close the CDBG Block Grant Program Income for CARES Funding Public Hearing at 10:56 a.m. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Motion Carried.

Motion by Jamison, second by McClain, to authorize the Housing Commission to administer the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for CDBG PI Emergency Repairs CARES Funding for Crawford County in the amount of \$99,350.71 municipalities and non-profit agencies/organizations associated with CoVid-19. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Correspondence

Motion by Lewis, second Powers, to accept correspondence as presented. Roll Call: Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

1. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter – Thank you for donation for Commissioner Priebe.
2. Medical Examiner’s Monthly Report.
3. State Dept of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy – Permit to Install, Application for Arauco.

Unfinished Business

Library Appointment

Motion by Lewis, second by Jamison, to appoint Amanda Siwecki to the Library Board for a term ending 10-31-2026. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray- aye, Motion Carried.

Department Reports

2021 Equalization Millage Apportionment Report

Equalization Director Robert Englebrecht appeared to review the 2020 Millage Apportionment Report and the 2020 L-4029 Tax Rate County Request. Mr. Englebrecht explained the process for tax collections and this action authorizes the various assessing officers to spread the tax rates against the 2021 taxable valuations.

Motion by Jansen, second by Jamison, to accept the 2021 Millage Apportionment Report as presented. Roll Call: Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Sheriff Report

Undersheriff Ryan Swope advised there is a traffic study off of Old 27 & M93 at Hartwick Pines; The Department is losing two (2) officers to Michigan State Police in Mid March, 2022; Dispatch Jim Baker will retire the beginning of January, 2022

Controller Report

MIDC/Indigent Defense/Independent Contractor Agreement

Motion by Gray, second by Powers, to approve the Indigent Defense Managed Assigned Counsel Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement between the County of Crawford and Law Office of Thompson and Treusch, P.L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per month and ending September 30, 2022. Roll Call: Lewis – aye, McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Motion Carried.

Guidehouse – Statement of Work

Controller Paul Compo advised there are 3 reasons the county needs Guidehouse: ARPA Guidance, Loss/Revenue Calculation and Awareness of other programs and other revenues.

Motion by Lewis, second by Jamison, to enter into the State of Work with Consultant Services Agreement for financial consulting services related to the support and administration of federal and state grants related for COVID-19 projects. Roll Call: McClain – absent, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Gray – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

Controller Paul Compo indicated he is working with the Treasurer on the Chart of Accounts transition.

The Controller advised the Commission on Aging has established a small group to get the building project up off the ground.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Jamison – The Commissioner attended Northern Michigan Counties and reported there are 189 sites in Michigan with PFAS. The Collaborative Body met and the Grace Center is officially open again. The Commissioner reported NEMSCA now has a four (4) year old pre-school program in Frederic with current availability.

Commissioner Gray – The Commissioner advised the Road Commission held the public hearing and approved the yearly road projects. The Commissioner attended the Michigan Works and NEMSCA meetings.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised the health department is recommending an increase in health care wages and will meet tomorrow. The Friends of Frederic hosted a Golf Outing and raised \$14,000.

Commissioner McClain – The Commissioner was absent.

Commissioner Jansen – The Commissioner reported the following comments: NEMCOG’s Executive Director is retiring in February; The Lean & Green Michigan is setting up a PACE District; ARPA funds available and the county should check on duplication of projects between City/Twps; Up North trails website is www.upnorthtrails.org; MDOT restarting their rural task force meetings; City projects are 108 apartments at old hospitality house property and five (5) stories being built on the sawmill property on Michigan Ave; Colonial Christmas at Fort Mackinaw on December 11th from 4-7 pm. The Commissioner announced the Recycling Tax Force has a Resource Recycling Systems selected to complete the feasibility study by July, 2022. Task Force meeting scheduled November 4th at 6 p.m. via zoom. The Commissioner announced the Veterans Cemetery was not selected for a feasibility study and is looking at alternate plans.

Commissioner Powers – The Commissioner advised the FAN Family Outing had over 50 guests in attendance; The Commissioner advised the Twin Bridge in Lovells Township is getting repaired soon.

Commissioner Lewis – The Commissioner attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and Hayley Strohpaal is the new Executive Director. Ilene Geiss-Wilson is retiring from the Visitors Bureau and the position has been posted. Mainstreet Manager Rae Gosling is stepping down; Beaver Creek is looking at their Zoning ordinance; Thursday, December 9 at the Art Village.

New Business – None.

Citizens to Speak – None.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Shelley Pinkelman, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Michele A. Moshier
Deputy Clerk