

# **Crawford County Board of Commissioners**

## **Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2021**

The Virtual Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Phil Lewis, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan on the 27th day of May, 2021.

Invocation by Commissioner Jamison.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Priebe.

Roll Call: Jamison, Jansen, Lewis, McClain, Powers and Priebe.

Absent – Pinkelman.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller – Present.

Others present at various times: Kate Wagner, Nancy Pllasek-Thompson, Laurie Luck and Caleb Casey.

### **Approval of the Regular Board Minutes**

Motion by Priebe, second by Jamison, to approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Conflict of Interest Declare** – None.

### **Brief Public Comment**

### **Approval Correspondence**

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

### **Correspondence**

1. Dickinson County Board - Resolution in Support of the State of Michigan to Fulfill its Statutory Obligations with Regard to State Revenue Sharing Payment Amounts.
2. Huron County Board – Resolution to Support Huron Behavioral Health as a Public Behavioral Health System to Provide Necessary Community Safety Net Services and Support.
3. Livingston County Board – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of FOIA Requests for Documents Supporting an Extension of the MIOSHA COVID-19 Emergency Rules.
4. Menominee County Board – Resolution Requesting the State of Michigan to Fulfill it's Obligation with Regard to State Revenue Sharing Payments.
5. Muskegon County Board – Resolution Regarding Vaccine Passports with the Boundaries of Muskegon County.
6. Medical Examiner's Office – Monthly Report. Commissioner Jansen expressed concern regarding suicides. Commissioner Powers indicated the Crawford County FAN Forum is working hard help residents and prevent suicides. Controller Compo offered to review the numbers to see if there is a trend happening.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Controller Report**

#### **Gypsy Moth Program**

Controller Paul Compo advised there has been a number of Gypsy Moth complaints. The County needs Township support to identify acreage and do/can we spray State/Federal land. The soonest we could have an election is August, 2022. It's estimated to cost around \$8,000 to spray one (1) section of land. Oscoda County has a cost share arrangement, and we would like to review a similar option, if the township agrees.

South Branch Township resident Nancy Pllasek-Thompson advised she has driven the county which is completely foliated. These bugs are infiltrating not just oak trees, but all trees. Oscoda County is using Hatfield's Spraying Service with pesticides. She offered to help the county. Commissioner Jansen requested stakeholders from the DNR, MSU Extension Huron Pines RC&D to hold a discussion about how to resolve the issue. Maybe a town hall meeting with MTA would be prudent.

Consensus to add Gypsy Moth to Unfinished Business.

South Branch Township Supervisor, Laurie Luck advised the Township Supervisors meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. They need to elect a new Chairperson and Gypsy Moth is on the agenda with MTA officials present.

Commissioner Priebe suggested a Township Special Assessment, however, that could be cost prohibited. The County has plenty of time to review all options.

### **Neighborhood Enhancement Project**

Controller Compo advised Hannah had a conflict and could not attend and requested a Motion to have the Chairperson sign the NEP Grant for Frederic Township and the City of Grayling.

Motion by McClain, second by Powers, to authorize the Chair to sign the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant for Frederic Township and the City of Grayling.

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

### **Central Dispatch**

Controller Compo advised he met with POAM dispatch on a potential severance agreement and informed them that nothing has happened with Roscommon County since the Board last met. They Agreed to look at some open-ended ideas that could later be patterned for individuals.

Roscommon County has met and agreed to begin moving forward; Will start covering partial shifts in Mid-June; Targeting a January 1 conversion date and they request a board resolution.

Motion by Priebe, second by McClain, to request Roscommon County to provide a contract that would facilitate Roscommon County Central Dispatch providing all dispatching services for Crawford County for our consideration. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Motion Carried.

### **Animal Shelter**

The controller advised he is meeting with shelter folks next week.

### **Clerks Report**

The Clerk indicated The Commission on Aging appointments (Susan Hensler and Lorelie King) are to expire the end of June, the advertisement was published in the COA Gazette and local newspaper and will be placed on the June Regular Board meeting. The Clerk further reported the Brownfield Authority (Lynn Porritt-McConnell) appointment will expire July 1, 2021 and has also been advertised for and will be on the June agenda. It was further noted the Transportation Appointment of Cindy Olson is done through the Grayling Township Board. Lorelei King has resigned from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health-with her term to expire March 22, 2022. The Clerk will advertise for this position next week.

### **Treasurer Report**

Crawford County Treasurer, Kate Wagner advised she is working on the tax settlement for each township. Deputy Treasurer Jamie Harris will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Commissioner's Report**

**Commissioner Jamison** – The Commissioner advised she has attended zoom meetings for the Collaborative Body and Michigan Northern Counties.

**Commissioner Priebe** – The Commissioner advised the Road Commission meets tonight. Hanson Hills decided to black top the driveway and have appointed Darryl Babbitt in the at large position. The facility is now in great shape and the military is working with them. The commissioner advised Northern Strike will be the week after the Marathon.

**Commissioner Pinkelman** – The Commissioner was absent.

**Commissioner McClain** – The Commissioner indicated COA is working with bids and plan to open next spring. The commissioner advised DHHS is meeting today.

**Commissioner Powers** – The Commissioner advised the Crawford County FAN Forum kick off is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion at the City Park. WQON Northern Focus will offer the FAN Educational Forum Launch on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to discuss FAN, and how families can get involved. The Commissioner indicated Northern Lake Community Mental Health CEO Karl Kovac is on a leave of absence. The Hope Not Handcuffs billboard is coming in June and flyers are being circulated.

**Commissioner Jansen** – The Commissioner reported Presque Isle Electric & Gas Fiber Buildout gave a robust update at NEMCOG this month. There has been significant speculation that workers are staying out of the market due to the lack of enforcement around work search requirements, coupled with the significant additional unemployment benefits (\$300 a week) provided by the federal government. However, the state has announced that work search requirements will likely be reinstated by end of May, if not sooner. This is a response, in part due to employer concerns about disincentivizing work. Further, the legislature is currently considering providing \$1,000 return-to-work bonuses using some of the Federal CARES act funds that have not yet been appropriated.

The Commissioner advised the Veterans Cemetery ceremony on Monday (5/24) received good press. Senator Kurt VanderWalls office seems eager to help.

The Commissioner announced that more than 55% of Michiganders 16 and older have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, marking the first milestone of the ‘MI Vacc to Normal’ plan. In addition, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reported the vaccination rates of counties in the MHC service area:

- Benzie: 60.15%
- Charlevoix: 60.16%
- Crawford: 49.06%
- Grand Traverse: 63.39%
- Kalkaska: 44.39%
- Leelanau: 70.04%
- Manistee: 56.35%
- Otsego: 52.11%
- Wexford: 49.41%

The Commissioner noted the Electronic Recycling and Shredding Document Event is slated for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the County with a suggested donation. Two (2) weeks after is the Scrap Tire cleanup day.

**Commissioner Lewis** – The Commissioner advised the District Health Department met with a long discussion about restaurant funding. Restaurant owners are requesting compensation from the CARES funding. It was noted they must meet certain requirements to serve healthy meals.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution Supporting Four-Year Terms for County Commissioners**

The Controller advised a resolution was passed in 2019, however, the updated Senate Bill was not referenced.

Motion by Priebe, second by Jansen, to adopt the Resolution #5272021-4CC Supporting Four-Year Terms for County Commissioners as referenced in Senate Bills 242 and 245. Roll Call: Priebe – aye, Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Motion Carried.

**Inter-Local Government Agreement Between Crawford AuSable School District and Crawford County Sheriff and County**

Motion by Priebe, second by Jamison, to authorize the Sheriff to enter into an Inter-local Governmental Agreement between the Crawford AuSable School District and the Crawford County Sheriff and Crawford County. The parties deem it in the best interest of the community to provide a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) present in the Crawford AuSable School System for the 2021-2022 School year and beyond. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

**Citizens to Speak** – None.

**Announcements**

Members reviewed the updated Commissioner Committee Assignment List. Commissioner Jansen reminded members of the Improv tonight at 7:30 pm at AuSable Artisan Village (AAV). This weekend is their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with a comedy night, membership drive and a Sunday Concert with minimal costs. Commissioner McClain announced Michigan Brew on Michigan Avenue is planning to open tomorrow.

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Shelly Pinkelman, Chairperson  
Board of Commissioners

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Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg of Deeds

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Phil Lewis, Vice-Chairman