

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Phil Lewis at 10:05 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 27th day of August, 2020.

Invocation by Commissioner Jamison.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Priebe.

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

Absent – None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register – Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Lisa Kaspriak, Joe Merchant. Dave VanHarre, Marilyn Crowley, Hannah Dysinger, Julie Darnton and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by McClain, second by Jamison, to approve the Minutes for the July 23, 2020 meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Special Board Minutes

Motion by Jamison, second by McClain, to approve the Minutes for the August 12, 2020 meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Conflict of Interest Declare – None.

Brief Public Comment – None.

Public Hearing - Brownfield Plan Amendment #1

Motion by Priebe, second by McClain, to recess the Regular Board Meeting and Enter into a Public Hearing to review the Brownfield Plan Amendment at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

Dave Van Haare with Triterra and Marilyn Crowley with Michigan Community Capitol are the Developers for the Sawmill Lofts, LLC at 102 & 104 E. Michigan Avenue and 112 Burton Court. The project includes the demolition of two vacant and blighted commercial buildings and the new construction of a 4 story (plan allows for 5) mixed use commercial and residential building. The building will include business retail units on the first floor and a projected 42 residential units, a leasing office, storage and mailroom. A new parking lot will be constructed on the southeastern portion of the subject property located between Burton Court and the AuSable River. Ms. Crowley gave a summary of project costs and indicated they are receiving a 15-year tax abatement and actively pursuing funding for special projects and environmental issues. Improvements have been made to make it safe for development through a lighter structure using wood and to adapt to the current soil conditions as the building was built in the 1950's and housed a 20-year dry-cleaning business. Rent will range around \$1,100 monthly for residents. They are trying to scale back the project costs as MEDC doesn't have property comparable for that size of building in the community, however, there is a similar project being built in Cadillac that has 42 apartments.

Public Hearing began at 10:10 a.m. and concluded at 10:20 a.m.

Motion by McClain, second by Jamison, to close the Brownfield Plan Amendment Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Powers –

aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain, Motion Carried.

Motion by Jansen, second by McClain to adopt the Amended Brownfield Plan #1 as presented. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Public Hearing – Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding

Motion by McClain, second by Jamison, to recess the Regular Board Meeting and enter into a Public Hearing to review the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding 10:21 a.m. Roll Call: Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

Hannah Dysinger, Crawford County Housing Director advised she has been the designated Block Grant Coordinator for seven projects (two in the City, two in Grayling Township, one in Maple Forest, one in Frederic and one in South Branch). The Public Hearing was necessary to close the grant and document the funds used.

Public Hearing began at 10:21 a.m. and concluded at 10:35 a.m.

Motion by McClain, second by Jamison, to close the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding Public Hearing at 10:35 a.m. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Jamison, second by Jansen, to accept the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding for FY 2018 as presented. Roll Call: Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner Group Presentation

Medical Examiner Administrator, Lisa Kaspriak appeared before the Board to explain the duties of the Office of the Medical Examiner. The main duties of the Office are to determine the cause and manner of death, and certify deaths that are reported to the ME. Ms. Kaspriak advised the county has a great team to work with and the pandemic provided the opportunity to really practice mass fatality readiness with collaboration of the county emergency managers. Ms. Kaspriak explained the types of deaths reportable to the ME and how closely the ME, Law Enforcement, Prosecutor, Dispatch and Health Agencies all work together. The Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donations had 2 successful qualifiers and noted that 1 donor can save up to 8 lives. Crawford County has only had 1 death due to Covid 19.

MSU Extension Budget Review

Julie Darnton, MSU Extension Interim Director appeared to review the MSU Extension proposed budget cuts. MSU Extension is committed to being a partner and to continue to provide services. Crawford County and MSU have been together more than 100 years and MSU will make every effort to maintain their investments to provide important engaged programs.

Approval Correspondence

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

Correspondence

1. Leelanau County Board – Resolution to Condemn Racism in Leelanau County.
2. E-mail from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – CEO Karl Kovacs on leave and Acting CEO Joanie Blamer serving.
3. Secretary of the Interior – Rebuilding Monuments for American Heroes.
4. NEMCOG – Program Highlights.
5. Jody Coors – Request another term on Library Board (Appointment to be in September).

Brownfield Board Interview

Interview conducted with Joe Merchant.

Unfinished Business

Appointments to Brownfield Authority Board

Motion by Jansen, second by Jamison, to appoint the following members to the Brownfield Authority Board for three (3) year terms ending 7-01-2023: Paul Compo, April Hehir, Joe Merchant, Erich Podjaske and Joe Wakeley. Roll Call: McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution Supporting Enbridge’s Line 5

Motion by Jansen, second by Pinkelman, to Not Support the Resolution at this time was withdrawn due to more information necessary. No Vote Taken.

Department Reports

County Clerk/Register Sandra Moore advised the Office has completed two weeks of hands on training for the new FIDLAR Technologies System. The office will be closed Monday at noon to allow for the closing of the Tyler Computer System and to upload the data conversion for the new FIDLAR On-Line System and to go live on Tuesday, September 1st.

County Clerk Moore advised the Frederic Township Supervisor recount is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

General Fund Budget Amendment

Motion by Priebe, second by Jamison, to approve the following General Revenue Fund Budget Amendment to \$5,616,879.00:

GL #	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSE
	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,616,879.00	\$5,616,879.00
101-136-602.000	COURT COSTS	\$19,000.00	
101-215-608.000	FEES AND SERVICES		\$3,000.00
101-215-608.100	REVENUE STAMPS	\$8,000.00	
101-215-612.000	RECORDING FEES	\$13,000.00	
101-253-608.000	FEES AND SERVICES		\$3,000.00
101-254-413.000	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS		-\$51,000.00
101-301-678.001	RESTITUTION	\$2,000.00	
101-648-582.600	OPIOID GRANT	\$1,200.00	
101-896-678.000	REIMBURSEMENTS, OTHER	\$1,500.00	
101-931-699.100	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$300.00	
	JOURNAL TOTAL:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	ENDING BALANCE	\$5,616,879.00	\$5,616,879.00

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

Controllers Report

Controller Compo prepared the resolution for consideration on the Veterans Cemetery.

Motion by Jamison, second by Powers, to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Veterans Cemetery as submitted. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Motion Carried.

The Controller advised the Audit Committee is on schedule to present a balanced budget to the Board at their September 9th meeting.

The Controller advised the Trap, Neuter and Release program had 108 cats as of last week.

The Controller advised the Moody’s Rating Agency conference call was concerned about the bond rating and general fund balance drop last year, however, they were overall satisfied with total reserves.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Jamison – The Commissioner advised she has nothing to report.

Commissioner Priebe - The Commissioner indicated \$35,000 has been spent in Grayling Recreation rehab thus far. GRA is looking for carpenters to rehab restrooms in the main lodge.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner now absent.

Commissioner McClain – The Commissioner advised DHHS has been quiet. COA will meet next week.

Commissioner Jansen – The Commissioner indicated NEMCOG met and heard a presentation from a U.S. Senator Gary Peters staff member. NEMCOG Michigan Restart Grant Program covers our prosperity region with \$7,000,000 in business grants. M33 Dark Skies bi-way is working on collaborating with other communities through NEMCOG. RFP’s have been sent out for the Camp Grayling Transportation Study. Montmorency County has ballot language for their Gypsy Moth Program on their November ballot. Montmorency also has three (3) vacant county commissioner seats with no one running, as well as the seat for County Treasurer. The Road Commission is ready to begin paving Red Tailed Hawk Loop and expressed support of the Veterans Cemetery proposal and will prepare a Resolution of Support. Updating Master Plan with Maple Forest and Grayling Charter Townships. Business are voicing concerns regarding the Recycling Program as they are unable to discard their cardboard. Otsego County did a .25 mils for recycling and household hazardous waste.

Commissioner Powers - The Commissioner indicated the Families Against Narcotics had their first meeting and established their Board of Directors. Meetings will meet the 4th Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lewis - The Commissioner advised he had nothing to report.

New Business – None.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements

Commissioner McClain indicated she will not be available for the September 9th meeting. Commissioner Jamison advised the Library Board is in support of the Sawmill Lofts.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Shelly Pinkelman, Board Chairperson

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Phil Lewis, Board Vice-Chairman