

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of July 23, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order after technical difficulties by Chairperson Shelly Pinkelman at 10:06 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 23rd day of July, 2020.

Invocation by Commissioner Jamison.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lewis.

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

Absent – Lewis.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Doug Pratt, Julie Darnton, Angela Cook, Nicole Wetherington, Dorothy Munn, Sarah Rautio, Denise Monks, Jamie Greer and Dan Sanderson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Priebe, second by McClain, to approve the Minutes for the June 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – absent, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Special Board Minutes

Motion by Jamison, second by Powers, to approve the Minutes for the July 08, 2020 Special Board Meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jansen – aye, Lewis – absent, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Conflict of Interest Declare – None.

Brief Public Comment – None.

Approval Correspondence

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

Correspondence

1. Arenac County Board - Resolution in Support for Enbridge's Proposed Tunnel Replacement Project.
2. Ingham county Board – Resolution to Create the Ingham County Racial Equity Taskforce.
3. Menominee County Board – Resolution in Support of the 2020 U. P. State Fair.
4. Tuscola County Board – Resolution in Support of Line 5.

MSU Extension 2019 Annual Report

Julie Darnton, Interim District Director for MSU Extension appeared to update the Board on MSU Extension. Ms. Darnton presented a review of 2019 accomplishments that strengthen youth, families, business and communities. Ms. Darnton advised MSU is funded through grants; county investments; federal special projects; state appropriations; federal cooperative extension and MSU general fund monies. MSU Extensions impact within the county is growing in numbers, 703 4-H participants, \$16,109 spent with local businesses; 12 students enrolled at MSU, \$1,856,814 total economic impact from MSU in Crawford County; 228 MSU alumni live in Crawford County, \$122,868 in financial aid disbursed from MSU to county students; 251 Crawford County acres owned by MSU, 8.2 total MSU Extension website visitors. Ms. Darnton

reviewed the program highlights from nutrition education; making the most of natural assets, supporting home gardening; developing youth & communities; 4-H Youth Development; Fostering strong communities. Ms. Darnton introduced the staff making our MSU Extension so strong, those members are: Angela Cook, Nicole Wetherington, Dorothy Munn, Sarah Rautio, Denise Monks and Jamie Greer. The 4-H Family News has seen great increase of membership due to the unique nature of current events and trying times. MSU Extension is offering programs “Helping Youth Thrive Through Disappointment” and “Parenting During a Child’s Disappointment”. Crawford MSU Extension has 637 youth participants & 177 adult participants with a robust schedule in programming. Ms. Darnton provided members with a statewide calendar of events and statewide news. The 4-H Summer Movie Series through Zoom at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HSummerMovieSeries/> will run July 15 – August 19.

Commissioner Lewis now present (10:25 a.m.)

Unfinished Business – None.

Department Reports

County Clerk/Register indicated she received a letter requesting Gayle Desprez be reappointed to the CCTA Board of Directors for a term ending June 30, 2026.

Motion by Jansen, second by McClain, to reappoint Gayle Desprez to the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) for a term ending June 30, 2026. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Motion Carried.

Emergency Manager Doug Pratt advised there will be Covid testing at the High School Parking Lot today from 2 -7 at no costs to participants. EM Pratt indicated supplies are taking much longer to get. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met yesterday and the hazard mitigation plan is now complete in draft form. There will be a Public Hearing, and after state approval the county can approve and adopt. This process is required every 5 years.

Controller Report

MAC Membership Fees \$7,073.01

Motion by McClain, second by Jamison, to authorize the county to pay MAC Membership Fees in the amount of \$7,073.01. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

Courthouse Hours

County Controller advised the courthouse is ready to resume regular hours on Monday, August 3rd (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) and would appreciate board approval.

Motion by Jansen, second to Priebe, to resume regular courthouse hours on August 3rd, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roll Call: Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

Grants Submitted by Sheriff

FPHPPP - \$35,000 (hazard pay); PSPHPR - \$ 393,503 Payroll reimbursement; Corona Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) - \$44,250; Bd cams/radios – DENIED; FEMA – \$45,000 supplies and unbudgeted OT Total - \$515,000 + MEDC - \$293,000 allocated but not available; Hazard Pay if we paid it prior; Materials if we have not applied for reimbursement elsewhere; OT related to COVID, but not regular hours that were diverted from other activities and focused on COVID issues

Rafaeli Court Decision

The Controller updated the Board on the Rafaeli Decision (first case regarding government property foreclosure). The Supreme Court ruled that owners of tax-foreclosed properties have the right to collect surplus proceeds from the sale of those properties; Requires the governmental unit to return to the owner any proceeds from the sale in excess of the delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and fees; Unclear how far counties are supposed to go back; Unclear if the SOM will

re-open the window allowing for counties to opt out; Unclear how that will impact Crawford County; Unclear how to absorb the cleanup costs involved with some of these properties; Current balance in this fund - \$432,000. Audit Committee is working on next year's budget on August 30th.

Commissioner's Report

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

Commissioner Priebe - The Commissioner indicated the Library grand opening is slated for August 11th. The Commissioner advised a NEMSCA report will be at next meeting.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner advised she had nothing to report.

Commissioner McClain – The Commissioner indicated the Commission on Aging hired a project manager from Traverse City and some employees have moved into the new office. The Commissioner advised Cindy Pushman is retiring the end of July from DHHS. The Commissioner stated unemployment was 23.9 in May 2020 and 14.8 in June 2020.

Commissioner Jansen – The Commissioner indicated the Grayling Airport needs to follow the Department of Defense standards and the Airport Master will address future needs and finalized soon. Neither NEMCOG of Sports Complex have met and the Road Commission meets tonight for the 1st in person meeting.

Commissioner Lewis – The Commissioner indicated he had no report.

Commissioner Powers – The Commissioner indicated teams are meeting with Northern Lakes Community Mental Health authority and the redesign process has been put on hold since Covid. The Commissioner attended Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE) SUD Oversight Board and held their first zoom meeting to approve funding for CPSAP to start a FAN Group. CPSAP is looking for anyone interested in assisting in a becoming a member or even with clean up. If interested please get a hold of the Commissioner. CPSAP has Naloxone kits to be distributed.

New Business

County Controller/Administrator Employment Contract

Motion by McClain, second by Lewis, to authorize the county renew a three (3) year Employment Contract for the County Controller/Administrator until July 31, 2023. Roll Call: Priebe – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Motion Carried.

General Fund Budget Amendments

The Controller advised Tax Collection is expected to be better than originally projected; We are responsible for a percentage of the \$150k inmate medical invoice; Trying to get a bigger discount; Should be able to cover a portion within the Jail budget; Taking a wait and see approach; Increased allocation from fund balance to \$35,600.

Motion by Lewis, second by McClain, to authorize the first FY-2020 General Fund Budget Amendments in a journal entry amount of \$49,900 to reflect a budget amount of \$5,666,779.00. Roll Call: Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Powers – aye, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements

Governor Whitmer amended her open meetings order through August 11, 2020. Traverse City East Middle School is holding a free Covid Test clinic this weekend also. Commissioner Powers announced “Back to Blue Hero’s” March is August 15th @ 9:00 a.m. at AuSable Martial Arts Academy.

Adjournment

Motion by Powers, second by McClain, to adjourn the board meeting at 11:04 a.m. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Shelly Pinkelman, Chairperson

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register