

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of May 28, 2020

The Virtual Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Shelly Pinkelman, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan on the 28th day of May, 2020.

Invocation by Commissioner Jansen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lewis.

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

Absent – None.

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

Paul Compo, County Controller – Present.

Others present at various times: Shawn Kraycs, Doug Pratt, Kate Wagner, Hannah Dysinger, Mischelle Warner and Julie Darnton.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

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

Approval of Special Board Minutes

Motion by McClain, second by Powers, to approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2020 Special Board 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 Powers, to accept the agenda as presented and remove the District Health Department #10 Report until after Covid 19 has passed. 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.

MSU Extension – Health & Nutrition

Mischelle Warner, MSU Extension Coordinator appeared to advise she is leaving MSU Extension and has appreciated working with the Board. Ms. Warner introduced the Interim Director Julie Darnton. Ms. Darnton indicated she has worked for MSU Extension for 14 years and is based in Saginaw and Genesee Counties and looks forward to meeting the board in person.

Approval Correspondence

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

Correspondence

1. Berrien County Board - Resolution in Support of Objective Plan of action for re-opening our economy in conjunction with input from local governments, and with continued attention to public health and safety.
2. Delta County Board – Resolution Requesting the Great Lakes Shoreline be Declared a Disaster Area and to seek Assistance.
3. Livingston County Board – Resolution in Support of “Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails”.
4. Menominee County Board – Resolution in Response to Executive Order 2020-77.

5. Tuscola County Board – Resolution to demand the Governor provide scientific data to justify the State of Emergency being declared equally across all 83 counties of the State of Michigan.
6. Forgotten Eagles of Michigan – 16th Annual Ride Around Michigan (RAM) August 5 – 7, 2020. They will be at the Legion on the 7th at 11:15 and 11:40 a.m.
7. NEMCOG – Resolution Approving FY 2021 Community Corrections Grant Application.
Motion by Lewis, second by Jamison, to adopt a Resolution Approving FY 2021 Community Corrections Grant Application as submitted by NEMCOG. Roll Call: Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Motion Carried.
8. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism – College Drinking Hazards.
9. TALK – Talking to Kids about Alcohol and other Drugs.

Unfinished Business – None.

Department Reports

Sheriff Report

Sheriff Shawn Kraycs advised the new squad car will be here soon; Sheriff Kraycs indicated a lot of citations were written this past weekend and many citizens are ignoring the Governor's order. The departments front office is open now and Jail visitations will begin June 1st. The Sheriff is looking for a .45 millage (\$260,000) for a School Resource Officer and STING Officer on the November 3rd election ballot. The City is not able to participate this year, however, the Sheriff plans to communicate with the City for help this fall before the millage is approved (Oct 1 until the election). Sheriff Kraycs announced one officer is off on Sick & Accident; Undersheriff Randall Herman is retiring for the 2nd time on June 19th and invited members to a luncheon that day. The Sheriff will promote the new Undersheriff and will make that announcement in the near future. Officer Mark Vermillion will retire in July.

Treasurer Report

County Treasurer Kate Wagner advised the delinquent property settlement is now complete with Townships paid and proceeding on with property tax sale.

Emergency Management

Emergency Manager Doug Pratt advised the department is finally slowing down and reviewing requests for equipment/supplies for nursing homes. Townships and day care centers are in need of sanitizer and EM Pratt has a lead on 100 gallons of hand sanitizer and needs a place to store it. Commissioner McClain offered a storage unit at McClain's storage. The Emergency Manager advised businesses are supposed to contact the state as they reopen, if they cannot secure sanitizer then he will provide it. EM Pratt is still attending state meetings, however, the local Chiefs meetings are canceled at this time.

Clerks Report

The Clerk indicated The Veterans Service Council position is in this week's paper and member Rick Anderson sent in his request for reappointment. The Commission on Aging appointments (Jessica Hiar & Sandra Woods) are to expire the end of June, the advertisement is going in the Gazette and local newspaper and will be placed on the July Special meeting.

Controller Report

The Controller inquired if members wanted to continue with the June 10th meeting at 5:30 p.m. meeting dates. Consensus to proceed with the plan in place for June 10th at 5:30 p.m.

The Controller advised the State is looking at various proposals involving property taxes, when they are due; fees and interests involved; foreclosures; could result in cash flow issues; could result in schools not receiving their money timely; could result in NO interest loans for several months for businesses and mortgage companies.

The Controller announced the county is 75% ready to reopen. The stay at home order is in place until June 12th. The window in District court and various little projects with plexiglass and furniture is complete; signs are posted; currently able to service residents by appointment; projecting Mid-June to unlock doors and bring staff people back to 3 days a week initially.

Sports Complex/Snowmobile Site Plan Revised

The Controller submitted a revised site plan for the sports complex with the building for the snowmobile club. The Board previously approved moving forward, however, the footprint will be larger than originally discussed to allow tractors with a drag attached to make the turns necessary on the property.

Motion by Priebe, second by Lewis, to authorize the County to adopt the Snowmobile Site Plan at the Sports Complex facility. Roll Call: Priebe – aye, Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Motion Carried.

The Controller indicated there will be 2 ballot proposals: STING & School Resource and GRA.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Jamison – The Commissioner had no Personnel & Labor Committee Recommendations to report. The commissioners advised she has attended zoom meetings for the collaborative body. Head Start has lots of applications for the school year and have learning plans for summer plans. The school is making home deliveries twice a week and a lot of phone support through the Riverhouse Shelter. AuSable Daycare has been closed since March 13th and are now having financial struggles, they are working on fall enrollments. MAC has had meetings covering state revenue losses and the multiple struggles counties are having.

Commissioner Priebe – The Commissioner had no Law Enforcement Committee Recommendations to report. The Commissioner attended a meeting this morning for Hanson Hills and signed a grant application and the ballot request for eight (8) years.

Commissioner Pinkelman – The Commissioner advised the Health Department will meet tomorrow. The Commissioner met on PFAS and are headed into phase 2 to issue water filters after June 15th. The data with Camp Grayling remains open and resampling is now available to homeowners, and the foam on lake Margrethe is not PFAS and of no danger.

Commissioner McClain – The Commissioner had no Ways & Means Committee Recommendations to report. The Commissioner indicated COA met and the new design of the center is with “Live Design Studio” with bids and specs. Michigan Works met and many calls for unemployment. Hanson Hills has not been meeting.

Commissioner Powers – The Commissioner provided correspondence 8 & 9 from NMRE. The Commissioner reported no meeting for Crawford Partnership for Substance Abuse Prevention and no meetings held at Lovells Township. The Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority reports they are focused on the health side of dealing with the COVID 19. Director Karl Kovacs referenced a “My Strength” App that explains the effects of depression and anxiety is now available to all citizens.

Commissioner Jansen – The Commissioner reported the Airport & NEMCOG did not meet. Road Commission still meeting via Zoom. The Commissioner voiced concern regarding Shopenagons declared unsafe in July of 2018 and wondering what the status is.

Commissioner Lewis – The Commissioner advised all is well in his area and he will miss the Health Department meeting tomorrow.

New Business – None.

Citizens to Speak – None.

Announcements

Next special zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th @ 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Jamison, second by McClain, to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Roll Call: Powers – aye, Jamison – aye, Jansen – aye, Lewis – aye, McClain – aye, Pinkelman – aye, Priebe – aye, Motion Carried.

Shelly Pinkelman, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg of Deeds