

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 15, 2015

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on December 15, 2015.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Pete Flesch. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisor Mueller. Chairman Flesch led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Flesch announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the County Board. He has served on the Board for 14 years.

The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

Jones moved, Dull seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Lister, Gigi Collins and Treasurer Martin Sprosty appeared before the Board to give a report on the sale of delinquent tax properties which was held on November 28th. Information was provided regarding each of the properties and the breakdown regarding the total expenses of taxes, interest and penalty and other costs and the amount of the gain or loss on each property. There were 16 properties sold and the net gain was \$7,846.17. It is the goal to have all closings done by January 1st and have these properties placed back on the tax roll. Gigi thanked the members of the Delinquent Tax Committee for their help. Gigi further stated that there will not be any more big sales of delinquent tax properties since the County has caught up with the old delinquent tax properties.

Dale Klemme appeared before the Board to explain the next resolution to come before the Board. The County had applied for grant money after the 2008 flood. The pre-application had been submitted through the Land Conservation Committee in November asking for additional funds for the Kickapoo River Clean up Project through the State of Wisconsin. The County was notified by the State to submit a final application for funds. A public hearing was held as required on December 14th. The recommendation from the public hearing was to submit a final application to the State. The application was due by the end of this week. The amount requested was \$194,000 to complete the clean up project. A resolution must accompany the application that authorizes the County to submit the application and designates the Land Conservation Committee to oversee the implementation.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2015

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO CRAWFORD COUNTY SUBMISSION OF A
CDBG-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

Relating to Crawford County's participation in the Wisconsin Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance housing program.

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Wisconsin State Administered Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance housing program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing & Community Resources, for the purpose of housing activities and flood mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, after public hearing and due consideration, the Crawford County Land Conservation Committee has recommended that an application be submitted to the State of Wisconsin, for the following projects:

Kickapoo River Clean up

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County Board to approve the preparation and filing for an application for Crawford County to receive funds from this program; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed the need for the proposed projects and the benefits to be gained therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Crawford County does APPROVE and authorize the Crawford County Land Conservation Committee to prepare and file an emergency application for funds under this program in accordance with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair, Peter Flesch is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County.

ADOPTED on this 15th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST: Janet L. Geisler, County Clerk

The above resolution has been authorized by the governing body of Crawford County.

Peter Flesch, County Board Chair
Janet Geisler, County Clerk

Motion by Cornford, second by Esser to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Klemme appeared before the Board to explain the Citizen Participation Plan resolution. Dale explained that the County had originally adopted this type of a plan in 1999 or 2000. It is necessary to have this type of a plan in place when applying for future CDBG grants. However, the older plan was outdated and a new updated plan needs to be in place. Dale then explained the various updates that were made.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2015

ADOPTING AN UPDATED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require recipients of Community Development Block Grant monies to have in place a Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Participation Plan shall encourage citizen participation (especially by person of low to moderate income), provide citizens reasonable and timely access to local meetings and information, provide for technical assistance, provide for public hearings, provide for a complaint procedure and accommodate non-English speaking resident; and

WHEREAS, Crawford County has updated and publicly reviewed a Citizen Participation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Crawford County officially adopts an updated Citizen Participation Plan.

ADOPTED on this 15th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST: Janet L. Geisler, County Clerk

The above resolution has been authorized by the governing body of Crawford County.

Peter Flesch, County Board Chair

Janet Geisler, County Clerk.

Motion by Olson, second by Kelley to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2015

RESOLUTION RELATING TO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County in regular session this 15th day of December, 2015, that the proceedings of the Crawford County Board for the year 2016 be published in one newspaper in Crawford County and there shall be seventy-five (75) copies published on book paper in pamphlet form the size and style as former years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the page proofs be submitted to the County Clerk for approval before printing and said Clerk is hereby instructed not to accept any pages not printed in clear, legible type.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Duane S. Rogers Gerald Krachey
Tom Cornford Elling Jones
Ron Leys

Motion by Dull, second by Jones to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Under committee reports Dave Troester, County Conservationist, gave a report on the Clean Sweep event held on October 30th. Double the amounts of electronics were collected this year over last year. The cost for disposal of the electronics was significantly higher this year. The cost was up \$8,000 compared to last year's cost. Dave will be going to the Finance Committee to address this matter. Municipalities were asked to contribute towards this project. Townships each contributed \$200 each, villages contributed \$100 each and the City of Prairie du Chien contributed \$1,500 for a total of \$4,000. A discussion needs to be held on how to deal with the increasing costs.

Supervisor Leys stated he would like to see the event held on Saturday to accommodate the working people so they are able to participate. He is also opposed to charging each vehicle for items that they bring in.

Brad Niemcek, Chairman of the Kickapoo Stump Dodger Recreational Trail Committee and representing the Gays Mills Economic Development Association appeared before the Board regarding the Stump Dodger Trail Easement. This matter had previously come before the Board at their August meeting. Corporation Counsel had been provided with a copy of the proposed easement proposal. A copy of the map of the trail was distributed which is just adjacent to the fairgrounds. Mr. Niemcek suggested that the appropriate step would be that the Board authorizes the Fair Board to proceed with an approval of the proposal. It is the goal to connect the upper and lower village of Gays Mills with this trail.

Flesch moved, Olson seconded to authorize the Fair Board to sign an easement when a legal description is available that meets the Fair Board's satisfaction. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharon Murphy, Chairman of the Crawford County Community Fund, came before the Board to present the grants that were awarded. This is the 7th year that presentations of grants have been given out at the County Board meeting. However, before the grants were presented Eric Frydenlund was acknowledged as he has served on the Board for as long as the guidelines allow. Eric had served as Chairman of the Advisory Board. Sharon announced that Lori Bekkum will be joining the Board.

The Board was reminded that the goal of the Community Fund is building endowed funds that will provide monies forever to support great projects in Crawford County. There were ten grant applications received. Four grants will be awarded today.

The first grant awarded was in the amount of \$640 for signage alone canoe landing markings along the Kickapoo River. Sherry Quamme accepted the grant.

The second grant awarded was in the amount of \$1,500 for the playground equipment project in Cottonwood Park in the Village of DeSoto. David Robertson accepted the grant.

The third grant awarded was in the amount of \$2,000 to support the expansion of the “learn to swim” program at the Gays Mills swimming pool. Miriam Simons accepted the grant.

The fourth grant awarded was in the amount \$1,500 to be used for a feasibility study for an assisted living facility in the Village of Soldiers Grove. Tamera Kepler accepted the grant.

The total grants awarded since the fund’s inception is just over \$24,000. The Board was invited to attend a reception after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **there was a motion by Cornford, seconded by Faas to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.**

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

I, Janet L. Geisler, Clerk of County of Crawford, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Crawford County Board of Supervisors at the Regular Session on December 15, 2015.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk