

**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 20, 2016**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on December 20, 2016.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisor Rogers who was excused by the Chair.

Chairman Cornford led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.

Motion by Olson, second by Faas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol Wirth from Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals addressed the Board to explain the background of the resolution regarding the \$2,020,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. This resolution provides funding for \$800,000 for capital projects which include a 911 system and telephone and communications system. The remaining \$1,265,000 will be used for interest savings to refinance the 2005 Bonds which have an interest rate of 4.1%. The County has up to three years to spend the money which cannot be used for any other purpose than what was listed in the capital projects documentation.

Moody's has reaffirmed the County's "A1" bond rating. The County's net interest rate which includes all expenses is 2.53%. This will result in a savings of \$71,629.77. The County will receive the money on January 12, 2017. The \$800,000 will be put into a project account and the County will have three years in which to use the money. The \$1,240,357.35 will go into a debt service account to pay off the 2005 bonds on March 1, 2017.

Supervisor Kelley stated that he is in favor of refunding the bonds but questioned why the County needs to borrow \$800,000. There will be some grants available but it is unknown how much grant money will be received.

Motion by Krachey, second by Dull to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2016

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF
\$2,040,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES**

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016, the County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Wisconsin (the "County") adopted, by a vote of at least 3/4 of the members-elect, a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$800,000

General Obligation Promissory Notes for County Projects" authorizing general obligation promissory notes for the public purpose of financing capital projects, including 911 system improvements and software, technology projects, telephone system and other communication system improvements and acquisition of highway equipment and Sheriff's Department vehicles (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors also finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to raise funds in the amount of \$1,240,000 for the public purpose of refunding obligations of the County, including interest on them, specifically, the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, dated December 15, 2005, maturing in the years 2018 through 2023 (the "Refunded Obligations") (hereinafter the refinancing of the Refunded Obligations shall be referred to as the "Refunding");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to refund the Refunded Obligations for the purpose of achieving debt service cost savings;

WHEREAS, counties are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes and to refinance their outstanding obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the County Board of Supervisors that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to issue its general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") in the amount of \$800,000 to finance the Project and in the amount of \$1,240,000 to finance the Refunding, and to sell the Notes to Bankers' Bank (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of its note purchase proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Proposal").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County that:

Section 1. Authorization and Sale of the Notes.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes.

Section 2A. Designation of Maturities.

Section 3. Redemption Provisions.

Section 4. Form of the Notes.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy.

(B) Tax Collection.

(C) Additional Funds.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits.

(B) Use and Investment.

(C) Remaining Monies.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund.

Section 8. No Arbitrage.

Section 9. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws.

Section 10. Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations.

Section 11. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services.

Section 12. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent.

Section 13. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes.

Section 14. Record Date.

Section 15. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System.

Section 16. Official Statement.

Section 17. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure.

Section 18. Redemption of the Refunded Obligations.

Section 19. Record Book.

Section 20. Bond Insurance.

Section 21. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date.

Adopted, approved and recorded December 20, 2016.

Tom Cornford
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

Motion by Dull, second by Steiner to adopt the resolution. Roll was taken with all members voting aye except Supervisor Kelley who was opposed. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2016

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids Allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment and out-of-home placement costs; **and**

WHEREAS, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; **and**

WHEREAS, the number of Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30% since 2007—from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; **and**

WHEREAS, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; **and**

WHEREAS, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; **and**

WHEREAS, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the Court has increased 12.5% from 2008 to 2015; **and**

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; **and**

WHEREAS, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; **and**

WHEREAS, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates and methamphetamines; **and**

WHEREAS, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; **and**

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-2019 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids Allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, State Senator Jennifer Shilling, Representative Lee Nerison and the Wisconsin Counties Association (Contact Information on attached Exhibit "A").

Dated this 14th day of November, 2016.

Wade Dull, Chairman
Joyce Roth
Mary Jane Faas
Elling Jones

Mary Kuhn
Ellen Brooks
Brad Steiner

Passed and approved this 20th day of December, 2016.

Tom Cornford,
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2016

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, the following banking institutions are qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall be and are hereby designated, until further action, as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the County of Crawford, State of Wisconsin:

Peoples State Bank
Royal Bank, Gays Mills
River Bank, Ferryville

Associated Bank, Prairie du Chien
Fidelity Bank & Trust, Prairie du Chien
Old National Bank, Prairie du Chien

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the disbursement from any of the above-named depositories shall be only by Order Check, as provided in Section 66.067 of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall be signed by the following persons: Janet L. Geisler, County Clerk; Deanne L. Lutz, Treasurer; and countersigned by Thomas G. Cornford, Chairman, to-wit:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in lieu of their personal signatures, the above facsimile signatures which have been adopted by them as shown above may be affixed on such order check and that any one of the above named depositories shall be fully warranted and protected in making payment on any order check bearing such facsimiles notwithstanding that the same may have been placed thereon without the authority of the designated person or persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of the above named depositories and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and a certified copy of such resolution has been received by the cashier of the respective above named depositories.

Dated December 20, 2016.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Duane S. Rogers
Gerald F. Krachey
Geri Kozelka
Wayne Jerrett, Jr.
Greg Russell

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2016

RESOLUTION RELATING TO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County in regular session this 20th day of December, 2016, that the proceedings of the Crawford County Board for the year 2017 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 F. Krachey
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Wayne Jerrett, Jr.
Greg Russell

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

Highway Commissioner Dennis Pelock addressed the Board and explained that the County owns approximately 3.9 acres in the Town of Scott that had been used for a highway project, however the land is no longer needed. Larry Sike is an adjoining property owner and requested to be given first option to purchase the 3.9 acres. The Fair Market Value for the property is \$30,000, which Mr. Sike has agreed to pay. This type of a sale must come back to the full County Board for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY OWNED HIGHWAY PURPOSE REALTY IN THE TOWN OF SCOTT TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO SECTION 83.08(4) WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, the County Highway Committee has determined that the County owns approximately 3.9 acres of vacant land in the Township of Scott which was formerly utilized as County Highway purpose land and that such property due to Highway Relocation is no longer necessary for the County's use for Highway purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, an owner of property (land) adjacent to said approximate 3.9 acres has offered to purchase same for \$30,000.00 which amount the County Highway has found to be a Fair Market Value for the property; **and**

WHEREAS, the County Highway Committee has determined that it is in the better interest of the County to sell and convey said premises as provided herein for said amount.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that such sale is hereby authorized and approved by the County Board pursuant to Section 83.08(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2016.

Tom Cornford, Chairman
Derek Flansburgh
Gerald Krachey

Henry Esser
David Olson

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

Supervisor Russell would like to establish a joint committee with County Board Supervisors and members of the four wheeler club. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on this committee, they should contact Supervisor Russell.

County Conservationist Dave Troester addressed the Board to give a report on the recent Clean Sweep Program for electronics and chemicals. Additional fees were charged in 2016 due to the rising costs of electronics recycling. The cost for the program was \$9,992.92 and money collected was \$7,505 which resulted in a cost of \$2,487.92 to the County.

Sharon Murphy, Chairman of the Crawford County Community Fund, came before the Board to present grants that were awarded this year. There were a total of ten applications with four grants being presented today. The following grants were awarded:

1. Kickapoo Indian Caverns purchase, administered through the Mississippi Valley Conservancy, represented by Carol Abrahamzon-\$1,000
2. Prairie du Chien Memorial Library "Ready, Set, Grow" campaign, represented by Nancy Ashmore and Linda Munson-\$1,500
3. Ferryville Vision & Promotion Board in support of the re-development of Sugar Creek Park, represented by Larry and Sherry Quamme, Jeanne Rutter and Marsha Stross-\$1,500
4. Village of Gays Mills Stump Dodger Trail Project, represented by Rachel Jovi and Kile Martz-\$2,000

The Board was thanked for their continued support of the Community Fund and invited to attend a reception after the meeting today.

Chairman Cornford asked for any comments from the public. Larry Quamme, Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Ferryville, thanked the Board for the new system implemented for the collection of taxes.

There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Kelley, second by Olson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
(ss)
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 20, 2016.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk