

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 21, 2015

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on April 21, 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 thanked all those who were involved with the recent County Government Days.

The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

Motion by Kelley, second by Cornford to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Flesch made the following committee appointments. Supervisors Elling Jones and Marjory Sheckler were appointed to the Local Aging and Disability Resource Center committee. Supervisor Sheckler will serve as Chairman. Rodney Boardman and Karla Troester were appointed to serve as Advisory Board members on the Aging and Disability Resource Center committee. Supervisor Elling Jones was appointed to serve on the Regional Aging and Disability Resource Center committee. Lane Delaney was appointed to serve on the Regional Aging and Disability Resource Center committee representing the target group of developmentally/intellectually disabled.

Supervisors Cornford and Rocksvold were reappointed to the River Rail Transit Commission.

Property Lister, Gigi Collins, appeared before the Board to advise that the proposed County wide assessment was taken out of the Governor's budget. She stated that the local municipalities were not in favor of this proposal.

PROCLAMATION

SOIL & WATER STEWARDHSIP WEEK 2015

WHEREAS, fertile soil and clean water provide us with our daily sustenance, and;

WHEREAS, effective conservation practices have helped provide us a rich standard of living, and

WHEREAS, our security depends upon healthy soil and clean water, and

WHEREAS, stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious resources,

THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim

**APRIL 26 to MAY 3, 2015
SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK**

Peter Flesch, County Board Chairman

Motion by Jones, second by Esser to adopt the Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2015

**2015-2018 CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPT. –
WISCONSIN DNR PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Crawford County desires to partner with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources by participating in county fish and game projects pursuant to provision of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and through Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Programs,

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the program;

WHEREAS, Crawford Co. will re-certify this partnership by passing similar resolutions every other year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Crawford County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project or acquisition and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Crawford County Conservationist, Land Conservation Department to act on behalf of Crawford County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project complete date;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Crawford County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Respectfully submitted:
Crawford County Land Conservation Committee

Henry L. Esser, Chairman
David Olson

Jerry Achenbach
Wade Dull

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2015

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS IN THE 2015-2017 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE THOSE CHANGES

WHEREAS, the 2015-2017 proposed governor's budget would give authority to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to eliminate county-run Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) by contracting out all of their functions;

WHEREAS, this upheaval was initiated without input from ADRCs, people receiving Long Term Care (LTC) services and/or their families, aging and disability advocates, local officials, the State Long Term Care Advisory Council, or legislators; and,

WHEREAS, with the elimination of ADRC Governing Boards and county-run ADRCs, a small Aging Unit with limited capacity would remain without a service point for persons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the ADRCs provide one-stop information, while in the proposed fragmented model, people will get shifted among entities and the most difficult situations will be left to county government without resources, and

WHEREAS, the role of county government includes meeting the needs of its citizens, and the ADRCs have become a nationally recognized model for supporting seniors and persons with disabilities in making informed decisions regarding their money and thereby delaying the need for public support, and

WHEREAS, ADRCs are locally accountable, accessible and utilize local resources that enhance the local economy, and as the central and sole provider, the ADRCs fill gaps in local service delivery for all citizens, and

WHEREAS, the current system of ADRCs and LTC programs have already produced the planned-for reforms, which have created huge savings for taxpayers while maintaining quality. The Medicaid portion of the budget decreased from 53% in 2002 to 43% in 2011 and the nursing home population decreased by 11,000 people thereby reducing nursing home costs, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Wisconsin's ADRCs are satisfied with the services offered, and that ADRCs are governed locally by the people they serve and the ADRCs attribute much of their success to community partners and local volunteers, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Crawford County Board of Supervisors, who met in regular session, that the State of Wisconsin should retain its existing, successful and cost-effective model of ADRCs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the legislators serving the people of Crawford County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the ADRC of Eagle Country and be submitted as testimony to the Joint Committee on Finance, with the request that they assist in this endeavor.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE:

Mary Jane Faas, Chairman
Marjory Sheckler, Vice-Chairman
Kersten P. Rocksvold

Jeanne Christie, ADRC Director, appeared before the Board and explained that this provision is still in the Governor's budget. She explained the many services that their office provides and is asking for the County's support. If this matter stays in the budget there are no other alternatives in place. The State would have the right to contract with entities that would operate either regional or statewide. Insurance companies would be the alternative instead of going to the local offices. These insurance companies would be out of state.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015

**INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$425,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES FOR COUNTY
BRIDGE PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Crawford County, Wisconsin (the “County”) is in need of an amount not to exceed \$425,000 for financing the design and construction of bridge replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to authorize the issuance of general obligation promissory notes for such purposes pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the County may issue general obligation promissory notes only if one or more of the conditions specified in Section 67.045, Wis. Stats., apply; and

WHEREAS, general obligation promissory notes may be issued under Section 67.045, Wis. Stats., if the County Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution to issue the debt by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members-elect;

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

1. There shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$425,000 (the “Notes”) for financing the design and construction of bridge replacement projects.
2. There be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the County a direct, annual tax in such years and in such amounts as are sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest on the Notes.

Supervisor Duane Rogers who is Chairman of the Finance Committee was asked to address the Board. He explained that the option was discussed of splitting the cost for the bridges between spending down the Highway fund and spending down the General Fund rather than issuing more borrowing. The General Fund has grown in the past several years. The negative to this proposal of spending down money is putting the County into deficit of \$425,000 for 2015.

Highway Commissioner, Dennis Pelock, had distributed maps showing the various bridges and their structure sufficiency. There are 23 bridges larger than 20 feet which are eligible for replacement.

Motion by Dull, second by Olson to adopt the resolution. The motion failed with Faas, Kelley, Lorenz, Russell and Sheckler voting nay.

Since this was a borrowing resolution it must be approved by the required three-fourths of the members-elect.

The annual financial report from Crawford Area Shelter for Animals was presented.

**Motion by Flansburgh, second by Rogers to accept the annual CASA report.
Motion carried unanimously.**

The County Board of **Crawford** County, Wisconsin:

In accord with section 26.12(3) and section 26.14(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes we recommend the following persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year **2015** and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Marietta Recycling Center
45550 Maple Ridge Road
Boscobel WI 53805
PH: 608-476-2288

The Marketplace
180 Misty Valley Ave
Gays Mills WI 54631
PH: 608-735-4523

Young's TV
110 Passive Sun Drive, PO Box 37
Soldiers Grove WI 54655
PH: 608-624-5732

Eastman Fire Dept
112 Shanghai Ridge Road
Eastman WI 54626
PH: 608-874-4595

Ferryville Cheese
163 Main Street
Ferryville WI 54628
PH: 608-734-3121

Town of Haney Recycling Center
51837 County Road S
Gays Mills WI 54631
PH: 608-735-4775

Tractor Supply Co.
20 Riverside Square, Suite 1
Prairie du Chien WI 53821
PH: 608-326-1080

Greener's Corners
162 Main St.
Seneca WI 54654
PH: 608-734-3018

County Highway Shop
21515 Highway 27
Seneca WI 54654
PH: 608-734-9500

Small Engine Repair
102 S. Dousman
Wauzeka WI 53826
PH: 608-875-6902

**Department of Natural Resources
Aaron Young, Area Forestry Leader**

**Motion by Cornford, second by Rogers to approve the Emergency Fire
Wardens list. Motion carried unanimously.**

Annual department reports and the Highway annual report for 2014 are available. Chairman Flesch encouraged supervisors to check out the annual reports from the County Clerk's office.

There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Krachey, second by Kelley to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was 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 April 21, 2015

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk