

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 10, 2015

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in annual session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on November 10, 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. The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2015

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY AID BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UNDER 81.38 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires appropriation by the County of amounts sufficient to defray the expenses of construction or repairing culverts or bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee and the Finance Committee have submitted proposed budget itemizing Town and County contributions respectively, for such purposes as listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve appropriation by the County for such budget pursuant to Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes in the amount of:

Municipality	Bridge/Culvert Location	Project #	Project Total	Municipality Share	County Share	County Share Granted
T. Bridgeport	Bluffview Terrace		\$ 7,728.60	3,864.30	3,864.30	3,864.30
T. Bridgeport	Ward/Campion		\$ 1,109.07	554.53	554.54	554.54
T. Clayton	Bill's Road	2009-2010	\$ 18,852.56	9,426.28	9,426.28	9,426.28
T. Clayton	Maybee Road	2009 - 2011	\$ 12,261.45	6,130.72	6,130.73	6,130.73
T. Eastman	Hazen Lane		\$ 30,644.16	15,322.08	15,322.08	15,322.08
T. Freeman	Bishop Road		\$ 1,088.30	544.15	544.15	544.15
T. Haney	Haney Valley Ridge culvert	334-C-0168	\$ 19,021.78	9,510.89	9,510.89	9,510.89
T. Marietta	Kickapoo Valley Road		\$ 12,104.17	6,052.08	6,052.09	6,052.09
T. Marietta	Meadowbrook Road - estimate	335-C-0166	\$ 95,000.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
T. PdC	Cipra Lane		\$ 4,658.23	2,329.11	2,329.12	2,329.12
T. PdC	Mill Coulee		\$ 2,209.05	1,104.52	1,104.53	1,104.53
T. Scott	Child's Hollow Road (balance from est. & sealcoat)		\$ 3,492.58	1,746.29	1,746.29	1,746.29
T. Scott	Clune Lane		\$ 9,474.84	4,737.42	4,737.42	4,737.42
T. Utica	Copper Creek Road		\$ 3,914.02	1,957.01	1,957.01	1,957.01
T. Wauzeka	Dutch Ridge/Little Kickapoo	340-P0120	\$ 1,929.03	964.51	964.52	964.52
T. Wauzeka	Onstine Road		\$ 7,695.88	3,847.94	3,847.94	3,847.94
T. Wauzeka	Dutch Ridge		\$ 705.20	352.60	352.60	352.60
T. Wauzeka	Brown Hollow approaches		\$ 100.09	50.04	50.05	50.05
V. Steuben	Hughes Road		\$ 6,127.57	3,063.78	3,063.79	3,063.79
			\$238,116.58	\$119,058.25	\$119,058.33	\$119,058.33

Dated: October 15, 2015

Dated: October 21, 2015

Highway Committee:
Tom Cornford
David Olson
Gerald Krachey
Wade Dull
Henry Esser

Finance Committee:
Duane Rogers
Ronald Leys
Elling Jones
Tom Cornford
Gerald Krachey

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2015

**RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

SECTION I. The County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Wisconsin regularly assembled, does hereby resolve that such funds as may be made available to the County for highway work in the year 2016 under the provisions herein appropriated, shall be expended as hereinafter set forth:

SECTION II. COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY ALLOTMENT, WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has notified the County Clerk that a sum of money estimated to be (\$715,679.32) Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars will become available at the end of the fiscal year under the provisions of Section 83.10 and 20.395(1)(qb) of the Statutes, for the County Trunk Highway systems in the County, but the actual amount will not be known until the close of the fiscal year ending next June 30.

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Highway Committee is authorized and directed to expend the said sum to the extent required to match and supplement Federal Aid for construction, right-of-way, and other costs on any Federal Projects located on the County Trunk Highway system of said County, which are not recovered from Federal Funds and to expend any balance from constructing, repairing and maintaining such County Trunk Highway system and bridge thereon, including snow and ice removal and control, as directed in Section 83.10 (1) of the Statutes, and to reimburse the general fund for any expenditures that may be made there from pursuant to Section 83.10 (6) of the Statutes. The distribution to such purpose is estimated, but not specifically directed to be as follows:

SECTION III. WHEREAS, it appears that certain additional highway improvements in the County are necessary and warranted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board does hereby appropriate the following sums for the purpose hereinafter set forth:

For the maintenance of the County Trunk Highway system, the sum of Two Million, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Sixty-Two Dollars (\$2,666,062.00).

For administration, including salaries, per diem, office and travel expense of the County Highway Committee, and the County Highway Commissioner, his clerks and assistants not paid from construction or maintenance funds. Also included in the administration, the expenses for Patrol Superintendent, mobile radio expenses and General Public Liability Insurance, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$254,592.00).

SECTION IV. WHEREAS, appropriations are made herein, in addition to the amounts to be received from the State and available work in the County under Section 20.395 of the Statutes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board does hereby levy tax of its property in the County to meet such appropriation as follows:

For the various purposes as set forth in Section III, hereof, the sum Two Million, Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$2,920,654.00)

SECTION V. WHEREAS, the various highway activities for which provisions are made in this resolution are continuous from year to year and the exact costs of any work cannot be known at the time of making the appropriation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby direct that any balance remaining in any appropriation for a specific highway improvement, after the same shall have been completed, may be used by the County Highway Committee to make up any deficit that may

occur in any other provisions are herein made, and any balances remaining at the end of the year in any highway fund shall remain and be available for the same purposes in the ensuing year.

SECTION VI. WHEREAS, the exact amount of the funds that will become available from the State for highway purposes in the County under Section 20.395 of the Statutes will not be known until after next June 30.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make payments for the purposes for which such funds are to be used, as hereinbefore authorized, from any funds in the County Treasury that are not required for the purposes for which appropriated prior to the next August 1st and to reimburse such funds in the County Treasury from the sums received under Section 20.395 of the Statutes.

SECTION VII. WHEREAS, the County Highway Committee and the County Highway Commissioner are charged with the duty and responsibility of carrying out the construction and maintenance of highways for which provisions are made, and other related supervisory and administrative duties.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Tom Cornford	Wade Dull
Henry Esser	Gerald Krachey
David Olson	

Motion by Flansburgh, second by Cornford to adopt the resolution. Motion carried with Supervisor Russell voting nay.

Chairman Flesch stated that the County Board of Supervisors will now take up the matter of the 2016 Budget.

Motion by Leys, second by Krachey that the Clerk shall read the budget total only for each department. The motion carried and the Clerk read the budget total for each department.

Supervisor Duane Rogers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, addressed the Board to give a presentation on the 2016 Budget.

The Board had previously discussed the \$360,000 needed to balance the budget at the October County Board meeting. A resolution was approved giving the County authorization to borrow money to close the gap. The Finance Committee discussed the matter further at their next meeting and made the decision to transfer \$200,000 from the General Fund which would reduce the amount of borrowing to \$160,000 for the 2016 Budget which is what is being proposed in the budget. The debt would be paid off in two years. Borrowing is allowed to go above the levy limit however operating expenses are not allowed to go over the levy limit. The Highway Department budget request was reduced by \$160,000 which is the amount that is being borrowed. Supervisor Rogers stated if the Highway budget comes in \$160,000 more in the next year's budget, this does not mean that their budget was increased by that much but rather that this was the money which was taken from their 2016 Budget so it isn't an actual increase.

Supervisor Rogers gave a history of the County's budget. The County's fund balance has continued to grow in the past six years. The fund balance is at 41% for expenses in the general fund at the end of 2014. However the County also committed to spend down \$225,000 in General Fund balance for bridge repair plus transferring \$200,000 from the General Fund balance for 2016 which would bring the fund balance percentage down to 35%. The amount of increase in the County's budget from 2015 to 2016 is \$73,000. The tax rate will decrease by .22. The County's equalized valuation has increased by 3.8% for 2016. This is the third year that there has been an increase.

Olson moved, Jones seconded to allow any questions or appearances to come before the Board at this time.

The question was raised if the borrowing could be listed as revenue in the County's budget, however it was uncertain if that would be permissible without checking into the matter further.

There has not been a timeline set for the borrowing. The terms of the borrowing still need to come back to the full Board for approval which could be done in either December, 2015 or February, 2016.

There was concern if the County is going to need to continue to borrow money to balance the budget. If three-fourths of the County Board approves borrowing then the County could continue to borrow. The interest rates for borrowing are very low right now.

There being no further questions there was a **motion by Dull, second by Krachey that the budget be read by summaries only. The motion carried and the Clerk read the budget by summaries only.**

Chairman Flesch stated that the Budget has been read and considered several times, the question is, "Shall the 2016 Budget be adopted?"

Motion by Krachey, second by Kelley that the 2016 Budget be adopted. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2015

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County now in open session this 10th day of November, 2015, that the 2016 Budget be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be and hereby is instructed and ordered to assess the same against the taxable property of Crawford County, both real and personal, pursuant to the action and recommendations of the County Board and the Wisconsin Statutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Duane S. Rogers

Elling Jones

Ronald J. Leys

Gerald F. Krachey

Tom Cornford

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

There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Dull, second by Olson 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 Annual Session on November 10, 2015.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk