

**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**April 19, 2016**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in the organizational session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on April 19, 2016.

The Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisor Rogers who was excused. Vice-Chairman Cornford led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of former Highway employees Clem Stram and Bill Rice and Connie Esser, wife of Supervisor Esser.

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.**

Judge Czajkowski issued the Oath of Office to the County Board Supervisors. The Judge stated that this will be his last time to issue the oath. He went on to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve and congratulated those newly elected to the Board. The Judge thanked the Board for their help with the judicial system and the remodeling of the Courthouse. The oaths were then signed by the supervisors.

**DISTRICT 1**

Prairie du Chien, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.....Geri Kozelka

**DISTRICT 2**

Prairie du Chien, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7th Wards.....Henry Esser

**DISTRICT 3**

Prairie du Chien, 3rd Ward.....Kersten Rocksvold

**DISTRICT 4**

Prairie du Chien, 4th Ward.....Brad Steiner

**DISTRICT 5**

Prairie du Chien, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.....Duane Rogers

**DISTRICT 6**

Prairie du Chien, 6th Ward.....Mary Jane Faas

**DISTRICT 7**

Town of Freeman, Villages of DeSoto (Ward 2) and  
Ferryville .....David Olson

**DISTRICT 8**

Town of Clayton (Ward 3) and Utica,  
Village of Mt. Sterling.....Mary C. Kuhn

**DISTRICT 9**

Town of Clayton (Ward 1) and Village of Soldiers Grove.....Wade Dull

**DISTRICT 10**

Town of Clayton (Ward 2) and Village of Gays Mills.....Donald Stirling

**DISTRICT 11**

Towns of Haney and Scott, and Village of Bell Center.....Wayne Jerrett, Jr.

**DISTRICT 12**

Town of Seneca and Village of Lynxville.....Larry W. Kelley

**DISTRICT 13**

Towns of Eastman (Ward 1) and Prairie du Chien (Ward 2) and  
Village of Eastman.....Greg Russell

**DISTRICT 14**

Towns of Eastman (Ward 2), Marietta and Wauzeka (Ward 2) and  
Village of Steuben..... Gari Lorenz

**DISTRICT 15**

Town of Wauzeka (Ward 1) and Village of Wauzeka.....Gerald Krachey

**DISTRICT 16**

Town of Bridgeport..... Derek Flansburgh

**DISTRICT 17**

Town of Prairie du Chien (Ward 1).....Tom Cornford

Supervisor Krachey was nominated to conduct the election for the office of County Board Chairman.

Tom Cornford was nominated for the position of County Board Chairman.

**There being no further nominations there was a motion by Kelley, seconded by Dull to close the nominations and declare Tom Cornford as County Board Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Cornford then called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Duane Rogers was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman. **There being no further nominations there was a motion by Krachey, second by Kelley to close the nominations and declare Duane Rogers as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.**

The next order of business was the election of the Highway Committee. The following nominations were made: Tom Cornford, Gerry Krachey, Buzz Esser, David Olson, Wade Dull, Gari Lorenz and Derek Flansburgh.

**Motion by Dull, second by Krachey to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following tabulators were appointed to tally the votes: Supervisors Rocksvold, Steiner and Faas.

Supervisors David Olson, Gerry Krachey, Buzz Esser, Tom Cornford and Derek Flansburgh were declared duly elected to the Highway Committee.

**PROCLAMATION**

**SOIL & WATER STEWARDHSIP WEEK 2016**

**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 24 to MAY 1, 2016  
SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK**

**Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-2016**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE GRANT TO ORIGINAL INTENT**

**To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office has operated as a block-grant for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veterans services in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO Grant block grant payment structure to a reimbursement-only payment structure, and has resulted in a very cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which together now create very troubling fiscal constraints on the poorest of Wisconsin counties that benefitted fiscally from the previous block grant payment structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the previous block grant payment structure of the CVSO Grant was weighted unfavorably against the smallest and poorest Wisconsin counties and weighted more favorably towards the most populous and affluent Wisconsin counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the smallest and poorest of Wisconsin counties statistically have a significantly higher percentage of veterans in their aggregate general population; indicating the available county revenue is at a significant fiscal disadvantage to the larger more affluent Wisconsin counties in supporting their veteran population with veterans services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the County of Crawford joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Office Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used strictly for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Service Officers in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions, and to restructure the payment structure in order to better advantage the poorest Wisconsin counties with higher veteran population concentrations in attracting and retaining talented personnel in these position; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all of Crawford County's State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association.

**INTRODUCED BY: Crawford County Veterans Committee**

**Henry L. Esser  
Kersten Rocksvold  
Larry W. Kelley**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2016**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
COMMENDATION OF PETE FLESCH  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Pete has been very active in the governmental affairs of Crawford County and has served as a supervisor from 2002 to 2016. Pete held the position of Vice Chairman from 2008 to 2010 and was Chairman from 2010 to 2016. During his tenure, he served on the Highway and Land Conservation Committee and was Chairman of the Agriculture and Fair Committee. Pete was very dedicated to the Crawford County Fair and always strived to make it a success. Pete had also served on the County's representative on

the Resource Conservation and Development, Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission and Western Wisconsin Workforce Development of Local Elected Officials. Pete was a very diligent and hard-working County Board Chairman and attended many committee meetings so that he could stay well informed of the various activities of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board extend their sincerest commendation to Pete Flesch for a job well done and wish him all the best in his retirement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a true copy be sent to Pete Flesch.

Geri Kozelka, District 1  
Henry Esser, District 2  
Kersten Rocksvold, District 3  
Brad Steiner, District 4  
Duane Rogers, District 5  
Mary Jane Faas, District 6  
David Olson, District 7  
Mary C. Kuhn, District 8  
Wade Dull, District 9

Donald L. Stirling, District 10  
Wayne Jerrett, Jr., District 11  
Larry Kelley, District 12  
Greg Russell, District 13  
Gari Lorenz, District 14  
Gerald Krachey, District 15  
Derek Flansburgh, District 16  
Tom Cornford, District 17  
Janet L. Geisler, County Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2016**

#### **RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMMENDATION OF MARGE SHECKLER CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Marge has been very active in the governmental affairs of Crawford County having been appointed to the Board on April 21, 2009 and has served continually in that position until 2016. During her tenure, she served on the following committees: Public Safety; ADRC; Humans Services and Health. Marge also served as Chairman of the ADRC and Health committees. Marge was a very conscientious supervisor and was respected by her peers. The County benefitted greatly by her service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the members of the Board extend their sincerest commendation to Marge Sheckler for a job well done and wish her all the best in her retirement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a true copy be sent to Marge Sheckler.

Geri Kozelka, District 1  
Henry Esser, District 2  
Kersten Rocksvold, District 3  
Brad Steiner, District 4  
Duane Rogers, District 5  
Mary Jane Faas, District 6  
David Olson, District 7  
Mary C. Kuhn, District 8  
Wade Dull, District 9

Donald L. Stirling, District 10  
Wayne Jerrett, Jr., District 11  
Larry Kelley, District 12  
Greg Russell, District 13  
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Gerald Krachey, District 15  
Derek Flansburgh, District 16  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 8-2016**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
COMMENDATION OF RON LEYS  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Ron has been very active in the governmental affairs of Crawford County and has served as a supervisor from 2014 to 2016. During his tenure, he served on the Finance and Public Property Committee. Ron had also been a representative for Crawford County on the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission and the Resource Conservation and Development. Ron had previously served as County Board Chairman from 2006 to 2010. Ron was a very diligent supervisor and the County benefitted greatly by his service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the members of the Board extend their sincerest commendation to Ron Leys for a job well done.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a true copy be sent to Ron Leys.

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Mary C. Kuhn, District 8  
Wade Dull, District 9

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Wayne Jerrett, Jr., District 11  
Larry Kelley, District 12  
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**RESOLUTION 9-2016**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
COMMENDATION OF PHIL MUELLER  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Phil has served as a supervisor from 2012-2016. During his tenure, he served on the following committees: Delinquent Tax, Health and Public Safety. Phil had previously served as a supervisor from 20016-2010.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the Board extend their sincerest commendation to Phil Mueller for a job well done.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a true copy be sent to Phil Mueller

Geri Kozelka, District 1  
Henry Esser, District 2  
Kersten Rocksvold, District 3  
Brad Steiner, District 4  
Duane Rogers, District 5  
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Wade Dull, District 9

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Larry Kelley, District 12  
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Gerald Krachey, District 15  
Derek Flansburgh, District 16  
Tom Cornford, District 17  
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**RESOLUTION 10-2016**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
COMMENDATION OF ELLING JONES  
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Elling has been very active in the governmental affairs of Crawford County and has served as a supervisor from 2010 to 2016. During his tenure, he served on the following committees: Ag/Fair; Rules and Procedure; Human Services and Finance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the members of the Board extend their sincerest commendation to Elling Jones for a job well done.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a true copy be sent to Elling Jones.

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**Motion by Dull, second by Flansburgh to adopt all five commendation resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.**

The annual report from the Crawford Area Shelters for Animals had been distributed.

**Motion by Steiner, second by Faas 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 **2016** and ask your approval of this organization list.

**EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Motion by Krachey, second by Olson to approve the Emergency Fire Wardens list. Motion carried unanimously.**

The 2015 Annual Department reports are available if supervisors would like to check them out. There was no annual report for the County Treasurer and UW-Extension office. The 2015 Highway Annual report had also been distributed to supervisors.

The Sheriff was available to discuss the Animal Control Officer fees.

There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Krachey, second by Faas 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 April 19, 2016.

**Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk**