

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 15, 2017

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on August 15, 2017.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisors Jerrett and Orr who were excused by the Chair. The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cornford introduced the new Zoning Technician, Jake Shedivy. Jake addressed the Board and gave a description of his background. He passed both of his licensing exams.

Chairman Cornford reminded supervisors of the upcoming Crawford County Fair and that volunteers are still needed to work.

The Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.

Motion by Esser, second by Flansburgh to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended for the grammatical error. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Commissioner Dennis Pelock came before the Board to give a status report on the County Road N Famechon Hill project. The project involves reconstruction of one and one-half miles of County Road N from State Highway 35 to State Highway 27. The project includes improvements at the State Highway 35 intersection. Application had been made for the reconstruction project funding since 2001. Public hearings were held in 2014 and 2015. Grant application was submitted in November, 2016 through the Eastern Federal Lands Access Program. The project at that time was estimated to be \$4,015,600 with a breakdown of funds to be a 80% Federal/20% County split. The project has now been approved for \$2,983,280 with a 70% Federal/30% County split.

Previous highway projects funds left over at the end of the year in the amount of \$972,000 have been set aside for the project. A little over \$200,000 is still needed to cover the costs of the project. By the time the project takes off in 2019, the County should have sufficient funds to pay their share.

County Conservationist Dave Troester came before the Board to explain the Farmland Preservation resolution. He explained that the first step is to amend the plan which was written in 1981. The plan contains text and maps. There are tax credits for landowners in exchange for meeting conservation standards that the State sets. All counties were required to update their plan. The County had until the end of 2015 to update the plan. A two-year extension was granted. The plan has been approved by the State Department of Agriculture. The final step is to have County Board approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2017

**ADOPTION OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR
CRAWFORD COUNTY WI**

WHEREAS, Section 91.10, Wisconsin Statutes, requires Crawford County to adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan, and the county adopted such a plan in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the county's Farmland Preservation Plan, as the name of the plan implies, is an attempt to preserve agricultural land at the county-level, and will allow participating Crawford County agricultural property owners in towns and villages with Farmland Preservation Zoning or located within Agriculture Enterprise Areas, to continue to qualify for Farmland Preservation tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the county's Farmland Preservation Plan needs updating and certification by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection in order to be compliant with the law; and

WHEREAS, the update process included reviewing and updating agriculture statistical information, developing or reaffirming farmland preservation goals, identifying farmland preservation areas, and gathering information on farmland preservation from Town and Village Boards and the county's Land Conservation Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 66.1001(4), Wisconsin Statutes, a public hearing was held on this plan on April 18, 2017, at which time the plan was publicly discussed; and

WHEREAS, the county's Land Conservation Committee recommends the adoption of the updated Farmland Preservation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the updated Farmland Preservation Plan, which replaces the existing adopted Farmland Preservation Plan adopted in 1981.

Respectfully submitted by,

CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Henry L. Esser
David Olson
Wade P. Dull

Don Dudenbostel

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2017

By:

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk

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

County Conservationist Dave Troester explained the resolution which requires that the County's Farmland Preservation plan be included in the County Comprehensive plan.

RESOLUTION NO 7-2017

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT, REPEAL AND
RECREATION OF THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
TO INCLUDE THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Section 91.10(2) Wis. Stats. requires that the County shall include the County Farmland Preservation Plan in its Comprehensive Plan and shall ensure that the Farmland Preservation Plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Such inclusion of the County Farmland Preservation Plan requires revision to the text and the County Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and the creation of Appendix 5 thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Committee has applied to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for Certification of the Farmland Preservation Plan and under Section 91.16(6) Wis. Stats. the Department may certify a Farmland Preservation Plan contingent upon the County Board adopting the Farmland Preservation Plan as certified; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Committee recommends the amendment, repeal and recreation of the Comprehensive Plan in the form submitted to the Department pursuant to and consistent with all requirements of Section 66.1001(4) Wis. Stats.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize amending, repealing and recreating the Comprehensive Plan to include the County Farmland Preservation Plan pursuant to § 66.1001(4) Wis. Stats and further authorizes the enactment of an Ordinance to effect same.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

Henry Esser, Chairman
Wade Dull
David Olson

Harriet Behar
Don Dudenbostel

Passed and approved this 15th day of August, 2017.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

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

Chairman Cornford stated we will now consider the Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Section 26.01 of the Crawford County Code of Ordinances to Adopt the Farmland Preservation Plan as part of the County Comprehensive Plan. The Clerk gave the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 205-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 26.01 OF THE CRAWFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN AS PART OF THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

Section I: That Crawford County Ordinance Number 26.01 is hereby repealed in its entirety and recreated to read as follows:

“26.01 COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED TO INCLUDING COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN.”

1. All provisions of the “Crawford County Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029” as adopted on February 16, 2010, including any amendments (past or future) thereto, are hereby ratified and approved and incorporated in this Ordinance and by reference made part hereof as if verbatim and formally set out herein.
2. The Crawford County Farmland Preservation Plan including text (June 1, 2017) and maps (May 17, 2017) as certified and approved by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is added to and made part of the Crawford County Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029 by inclusion thereto as “Appendix 5 – Crawford County Farmland Preservation” and shall be and is effective hereby inscribed for the purpose of convenient reference to such Appendix on the Table of Contents for said Crawford County Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029 as “Appendix 5-Crawford County Farmland Preservation Plan”.

3. The following paragraph relating to “Implementation” of the said County Comprehensive Plan shall be and is effective hereby inserted and inscribed as an additional paragraph on page 9-1 of the said County Comprehensive Plan:

Consistency with the Farmland Conservation Plan

The Farmland Preservation Plan supersedes the Comprehensive Plan and any and all inconsistencies between the two shall be resolved in favor of the Farmland Preservation Plan (See Appendix 5).

4. The following paragraph relating to the “Map 2.03 Crawford County Land Use” of the said County Comprehensive Plan shall be and is effective hereby inserted and inscribed as a paragraph on the Legend of said Map at page 2-13 of the said Comprehensive Plan:

“Where inconsistencies exist between this map and the Farmland Preservation Plan maps, the Farmland Preservation Plan maps shall supersede the Land Use Map.”

Section II: This Ordinance shall become effective in upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

Henry Esser, Chairman
Wade Dull
David Olson

Harriet Behar
Don Dudenbostel

Passed and approved this 15th day of August, 2017.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

Published this day of August, 2017.
Effective this day of August, 2017.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to give the second reading by title only. The motion carried and the Clerk gave the second reading by title only.

Chairman Cornford asked for any questions or appearances. There were none.

Motion by Stirling, second by Krachey that the ordinance be ordered engrossed and given the third reading by title only. The motion carried and the Clerk gave the third reading by title only.

Chairman Cornford stated the ordinance having been read three several times the question is, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Motion by Olson, second by Steiner to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Kelley, second by Rocksvold 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 August 15, 2017.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk