

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 16, 2019

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on April 16, 2019.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisors Russell, Orr and Stirling. Chairman Cornford led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karyl Fritsche from NRCS appeared before the Board to give recognition to Dave Troester, County Conservationist, for his work in the cover crop project. Recognition was also given to Travis Bunting, Conservation Specialist, for his assistance to NRCS and their projects.

The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

Chairman Cornford stated he had two citizen appointments to make. Janelle Mathis was appointed to the Library Board. Kim Moret was appointed to the Land Conservation Committee.

Dave Troester, County Conservationist, gave a report to the Board on the POWTS Maintenance Program, which is the septic system program. The State has now mandated that everyone that needs a compliant POWTS system must have one. A deadline has been set of October, 2019 to insure that all systems are tracked in the system. Inspections of systems are required at least once every three years by septic pumpers, plumbers or POWTS inspectors.

A timeline was given of the implementation of the POWTS program which began in 2017. Beginning in 2019 a \$7.00 fee annual assessment was placed on tax bills or parcels believed to contain a POWTS. The first round of fees brought in around \$29,000.

A meeting has been scheduled with plumbers and pumpers to advise them of the reporting procedures. Notices will be sent out each year by Land Conservation notifying property owners that an inspection is due. If the inspection reports are not received by the deadline, a violation letter will be sent to the property owner giving them 30 days to comply along with a \$100 late fee. Funding is available through the Wisconsin Fund for failing systems, which were installed before July 1, 1978. So far, 22 applications have been submitted to the State which total \$142,000.

Dave also reported on the cover crop program. A partnership between the County and NRCS was created to get more cover crops in the ground. A total of 13,730 acres have been seeded from 2014 through the present time.

The next project will be a multi-county ground water site. The county would be partnering with Vernon and Richland County. The goal is to help people get their wells tested.

PROCLAMATION

CRAWFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAYS

WhereAs, May 8, 2019 has been declared Crawford County Government Days; and

WhereAs, Crawford County Government Days is a joint effort sponsored by Crawford County Government and the Crawford County American Legion to familiarize junior and senior high students from throughout Crawford County with government proceedings at the County level.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Crawford County Board commend the Crawford County American Legion for their cooperation and support of the youth of Crawford County.

**Geri Kozelka
Henry Esser
Kersten Rocksvold
Brad Steiner
Duane Rogers
Carl Orr
David Olson
Mary Kuhn
Wade Dull**

**Donald Stirling
Wayne Jerrett, Jr.
Larry Kelley
Greg Russell
Gari Lorenz
Gerald Krachey
Derek Flansburgh
Tom Cornford
Janet Geisler**

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

PROCLAMATION

SOIL & WATER STEWARDHSIP WEEK 2019

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 28 to MAY 5, 2019
SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK**

Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2019

**EXISTING EMPLOYER UPDATE RESOLUTION
WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

RESOLVED, by the County Board of the Crawford County that pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 40.51 (7) hereby determines to continue in the Wisconsin Public Employers (WPE) Group Health Insurance program that is offered to eligible personnel through the program of the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board (Board), and agrees to abide by the terms of the program as set forth in the *Local Employer Health Insurance Standards, Guidelines and Administration Manual (ET-1144)*.

We will continue to participate in the program option in which we are currently enrolled. If we wish to elect a new program option for 2020, we will file a separate resolution to do so.

All participants in the WPE Group Health Insurance program need to be enrolled in a program option. Individual employees cannot choose between program options.

The resolution must be received by the Department of Employee Trust Funds as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, in order to continue participation without lapse. If more time is needed contact ETF.

The proper officers are herewith authorized and directed to take all actions and make salary deductions for premiums and submit payments required by the Board to provide such Group Health Insurance.

The Clerk explained that a notice had been received from Employee Trust Funds that a new resolution must be passed due to a change in the contract provisions.

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

RESOLUTION 7-2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY LAND TO ADJACENT
LANDOWNER PURSUANT TO SECTION 83.08 WIS. STATS.**

WHEREAS, the County owns the property described on the attached Exhibit “A” for highway purposes and the Highway Committee has determined that such property is no longer necessary for the County’s use for highway purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee has determined that \$20,000.00 is the reasonable fair market value for the subject premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board does hereby determine that such property is no longer necessary for the County’s use for highway purposes and does hereby authorize the private sale of the subject property to the owner of adjacent property pursuant to the standards of §83.04(4) Wis. Stats. for the said amount \$20,000.00; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds derived from such sale shall be deposited in the County Highway Fund and any expenses incurred in connection with the sale shall be paid from that Fund and the County Clerk is hereby authorized to execute a conveyance in conformity herewith.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Tom Cornford, Chairman
Henry Esser
David Olson

Derek Flansburgh
Gerald Krachey

Passed and approved this 16th day of April, 2019.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

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

**County Veterans Service Commission
Crawford County, Wisconsin**

Chairman: Eugene LaPointe
Member: Charlie Coleman
Member: Gary Gundlach

Report of the Crawford County Veterans Service Commission for the calendar year 2018.

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Crawford County, Wisconsin

Pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin statutes, Chapter 45.14, we submit herewith the annual report of amounts expended on behalf of needy veterans and the Veterans Services Commission for the calendar year 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene LaPointe, Chairman
Charlie Coleman, Member
Gary Gundlach, Member

Motion by Esser, second by Rocksvold to approve the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Steiner, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, advised of a Human Resources manager position that is being proposed. This would start out as a part-time position at around 20 hours per week with no benefits. This position would then be put into the 2020 budget. A rough draft of a job description has been prepared.

The annual CASA report was presented. The amount being returned to CASA from the dog license fund is \$3,319.52.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to approve the annual CASA report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Peterson, Corporation Counsel, addressed the Board regarding the status of the hospital lawsuit. The required notice of claim had been presented to the County Board previously.

The defendants are primarily the Town of Bridgeport and Crawford County relating to a township highway project, which is claimed to have caused some drainage problem and diminished the value of some of the hospital property. The County's insurance company, Travelers, indicated that they would not provide coverage and that they would not provide any defense. Since that time, the insurance

company that the County had prior to 2018 has now said that they will defend Crawford County. Mark further advised that also named as defendants are Crawford County, the Crawford County Highway Department and the Highway Commissioner, Dennis Pelock are being sued individually.

The 2018 annual department reports are available for supervisors to check out from the County Clerk and they are encouraged to do so.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a **motion by Krachey, second by Kelley 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 Annual Session on April 16, 2019.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk