

**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**December 15, 2020**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on December 15, 2020.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present, except Supervisors Dull and Hayes-Hall.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

Chairman Cornford has not appointed a Redistricting Committee, but will soon.

Cheri Leachman, Human Resources, addressed the Board for the retiree recognition presentation. There are three other retirees in 2020 that are not here today but were recognized. Those employees are Gary Roberts from the Highway Department; Maura Garrity from Human Services and Donna Steiner, Clerk of Court.

Personnel Chairman, Brad Steiner addressed the Board to recognize Jeanne Palmer who had retired from the ADRC department, and thanked her for her years of service. Brad also read a proclamation honoring Jeanne. Jeanne retired on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roby Fuller, ADRC Director, also read a proclamation honoring Jeanne.

Jane Holzhauer addressed the Board to announce the Community Fund grant recipients. Following were the grants that were awarded: CouleeCap Homeless Prevention - \$1,000; Ferryville Farmers Market - \$750; Friends of Gays Mills - \$1,000 for dam building rehabilitation and \$1,000 for Millhouse lights display; Gateway Boy Scouts - \$500; Mississippi Valley Conservancy - \$500; Southwest Tech (Crawford County residents only) - \$750 and Valley Stewardship Network - \$500.

Sheriff Dale McCullick distributed information regarding the Routes to Recovery money, which had been prepared by Jim Hackett, Emergency Government Coordinator. The County has already been reimbursed \$81,717.86. There should be an additional \$334,383 received within the next few weeks.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2020**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DURING THE  
CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

SECTION 1. 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 2021 under the provisions herein appropriated, shall be expended as hereinafter set forth:

SECTION 11. COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY ALLOTMENT, WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has notified the County Clerk that a sum of money estimated to be (\$832,367.00) eight hundred thirty two thousand, three hundred sixty seven dollars and no cents 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 111. 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, one hundred two thousand, two hundred nineteen dollars (\$2,102,219.00).

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 three hundred eight thousand, one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$308,131.00).

SECTION 1V. 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 set forth in Section 111, hereof, the sum two million, four hundred ten thousand, three hundred fifty dollars (\$2,410,350.00).

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

Thomas Cornford	Derek Flansburgh
Carl Orr	Gerald Krachey
David Olson	

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2020**

### **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY DEPOSITORIES**

**WHEREAS**, the following banking institutions are qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall be and are hereby designated, until further action, as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the County of Crawford, State of Wisconsin:

Peoples State Bank  
Royal Bank  
River Bank, Ferryville

Fidelity Bank & Trust, Prairie du Chien  
Community First Bank, Prairie du Chien

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the disbursement from any of the above-named depositories shall be only by Order Check, as provided in Section 66.067 of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall be signed by the following persons: Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk; Deanne L. Lutz, Treasurer; and countersigned by Thomas G. Cornford, Chairman, to-wit:

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk  
Deanne L. Lutz, Treasurer  
Thomas G. Cornford, Chairman

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in lieu of their personal signatures, the above facsimile signatures which have been adopted by them as shown above may be affixed on such order check and that any one of the above named depositories shall be fully warranted and protected in making payment on any order check bearing such facsimiles notwithstanding that the same may have been placed thereon without the authority of the designated person or persons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of the above named depositories and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and a certified copy of such resolution has been received by the cashier of the respective above named depositories.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Duane S. Rogers**  
**Geri Kozelka**  
**Greg Russell**

**Gerald Krachey**  
**Thomas G. Cornford**  
**Wayne Jerrett, Jr.**

**Motion by Orr, second by Kuhn to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Rogers abstaining.**

Dave Troester, County Conservationist, appeared before the Board and explained that the resolution is required in order for the County to receive the funds which should be approximately \$9,000.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2020**

**REGARDING 2021 CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT-  
WISCONSIN DNR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Land Conservation Department is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of coordinating Aquatic Invasive Species work in the county (as described in the Surface Water Grant application);

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Land Conservation Department will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

- Sign and submit a grant application
- Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR
- Submit quarterly and/or final reports to DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate
- Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date in the grant agreement

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

**Crawford County Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee**

David Olson                      Bob Standor  
Kim Moret                        Edward Hayes-Hall  
Wade Dull

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Crawford County Board of Supervisors at a legal meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk

**Motion by Olson, second by Munson to adopty the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County in regular session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, that the proceedings of the Crawford County Board for the year 2021 be published in one newspaper in Crawford County and there shall be seventy-five (75) copies published on book paper in pamphlet form the size and style as former years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the page proofs be submitted to the County Clerk for approval before printing and said Clerk is hereby instructed not to accept any pages not printed in clear, legible type.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Duane Rogers  
Gerald Krachey  
Geri Kozelka  
Wayne Jerrett  
Greg Russell  
Thomas G. Cornford

**Motion by Kelley, second by Orr to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

Roby Fuller, ADRC Director, gave a presentation to the Board that explained the programs and services that are offered by her agency.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2020**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

**WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment – older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

**WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:

- Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
- Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
- Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
- Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
- Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
- Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
- Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

**Aging and Disability:**

Wayne Jerrett, Jr	Donald Stirling
Edward Hayes-Hall	Karla Troester
Diane Koth	Rodney Boardman
Nancy Ostrander	Rodney Mezera
Debra Martin	

**Motion by Munson, second by Orr to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Cornford stated we will now consider the Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Portions of Chapter 2.01 Rules of Procedure Crawford County Code of Ordinances. The Clerk gave the reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 232-2020**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING, REPEALING AND RECREATING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 2.01 RULES OF PROCEDURE CRAWFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Crawford County Code of Ordinances Number 2.01 is amended, repealed and recreated as follows:

**(4) RULE 4: ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS**

- a) Call to order and roll call
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Opening remarks by County Board Chairman
- d) Verification of posting of the meeting
- e) Approval of minutes from the preceding meeting
- f) Oath of Office/Election of Officers/Appointments
- g) Recognitions and Appearances



- h) Presentation of petitions and proclamations
- i) Presentation of resolutions
- j) Presentation of ordinances
- k) Presentation of memorials
- l) Reports of standing committees
- m) Reports of special committees
- n) Presentation of motions
- o) Communications to the Board
- p) New Business
- q) Department reports
- r) Miscellaneous
- s) Adjournment

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective in upon its passage and publication as required by law.

**RULES AND PROCEDURE:**

Gerald Krachey      Gari Lorenz  
Geri Kozelka

**Published this      day of December, 2020.**  
**Effective this      day of December, 2020.**

**Motion by Orr, second by Munson 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 appearance. The Clerk explained that there had been several changes to the order of business over the years and the ordinance needed to be updated to reflect those changes. The Clerk explained what those revisions were.

There were questions about how an item is placed on the agenda. Corporation Counsel Mark Peterson explained if a committee or supervisor wants to sponsor someone to be on the agenda to speak, they may do so only with the approval of the County Board Chairman. This procedure is in the Code of Ordinances.

**Motion by Kuhn, second by Flansburgh 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 questions is, "Shall the ordinance pass?"

**Motion by Steiner, second by Munson to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll, with Supervisor Stirling abstaining.**

Supervisor Rogers addressed the Board regarding the borrowing of funds, which must be approved by 75% of the members. The County had approved the borrowing of funds for the 2021 Budget. The next step is to solicit funds for the borrowing. The Finance Committee had met prior to the County Board meeting and have recommended approving the borrowing from Peoples State Bank with an interest rate of .89%. There were two other bids with lower interest rates. Community First had an interest rate of .85%, and River Bank had an interest rate of .80%. However, with each of these bids the loan must be outstanding for 30 days. Peoples State Bank has a one-day turnaround, which is why the committee selected their proposal.

**Motion by Kuhn, second by Orr to approve the borrowing of funds through Peoples State Bank. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Rogers abstaining.**

Dave Troester, County Conservationist, addressed the Board and distributed information regarding the recent well testing. There were 100 people that had signed up for the testing and 89 returned samples. The samples taken were spread out over the County. Nitrate levels should be below 10, and there were only 7% that were over that. Bacteria positives tested at 25%. Dave felt that this was a good first step and would like to continue with the well testing.

The next discussion was on extending the CAFO moratorium. Corporation Counsel stated that the initial ordinance had a provision that the moratorium may be extended for up to 12 months by a majority vote of the County Board. It is not up to a committee to decide for the County Board. The Land Conservation Committee had previously recommended not to extend the moratorium.

**Motion by Olson, second by Kuhn to table the moratorium.**

Corporation Counsel advised that if the County Board doesn't vote to extend the moratorium, it's final. The following supervisors voted aye: Cornford, Flansburgh, Krachey, Kuhn, Lorenz, Olson, Orr, Russell and Steiner. Voting naye: Jerrett, Kelley, Kozelka, Munson, Rogers and Stirling.

At this time the Board recognized County Clerk, Janet Geisler, on her retirement after 41 years of service. County Board Chairman Cornford gave a review of the Clerk's years of service. A plaque was presented along with several other gifts. Robin Fisher, County Clerk elect, read a proclamation honoring Janet.

**There being no further business to come before the Board there was a motion by Russell, 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 Regular Session on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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