

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 18, 2019

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on June 18, 2019.

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

Under opening remarks, Chairman Cornford thanked the supervisors for all of the work they do. The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

Chairman Cornford advised that he needed to make an appointment to the Board of Adjustment. The one-year term has expired. The Chairman would like to appoint Pat Buenzli for a three-year term.

Motion by Krachey, second by Orr to approve the appointment of Pat Buenzli for a three-year term to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherry Quamme, member of the Crawford County Tourism Council addressed the Board. She thanked the County Board for their investment of \$1,000 in the Great River Road. A chart was provided showing the economic impact along the Great River Road. Crawford County slipped a little in tourism in 2018 by 2.12%. Tourism is the third largest industry in Wisconsin.

Andrew Nussbaum from the Department of Tourism addressed the Board. He explained that in 2018 there were several factors that affected the drop in tourism. Some of those factors were weather and construction. He stressed that it is very important to promote what you have in your community and area. If you do not promote, there is a loss in growth.

Bob Moses from the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board next. He explained the various advertising venues that are being utilized to promote the City and the County. Tourism guides were distributed across the state of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and the Twin Cities. A social media coordinator was recently hired. A new web site has also been launched.

Dale Klemme from the Crawford County Tourism Council addressed the Board last. Dale asked for a member from the County Board to be appointed as a representative on the Crawford County Tourism Council serving as a direct link to the County Board.

Treasurer Deanne Lutz addressed the Board to explain the revisions in the resolution regarding fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2019

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 9-2018 AUTHORIZING FEES IN PROCEEDINGS IN REM TO FORECLOSE TAX LIENS

WHEREAS, the Delinquent Tax Committee has considered and approved the following fees and guidelines necessary to cover the costs incurred by the County pursuant to Proceedings In Rem to Foreclose Tax Liens:

- A. The title work fee will be charged to each delinquent property as soon as the title work is ordered.
- B. Once the foreclosure action is filed there will be an additional \$200.00 fee charged to each delinquent property to cover the estimated additional costs (including legal fees) of the foreclosure process.
- C. At such time as the foreclosure action is filed with the Court, it will be mandatory that all delinquent and current year taxes plus any interest, fees and penalty be paid in full in order for the land owner to redeem their property.
- D. After the redemption time period is up, the County will charge a 10% redemption fee on the “net tax” or a minimum of \$100.00 (whichever amount is greater of the two) for each property that was not redeemed during the redemption period to cover the estimated additional costs as may be incurred in proceeding with appraisal and sale of such property.
- E. After the Motion for Default Judgment is filed with the Court, an additional Penalty Charge based on 1% of the Assessed Value of the property will be charged to the property owner in order to redeem said property.
- F. Once the Default Judgment is entered, the County will not allow the land owner to redeem the property without specific approval of the Delinquent Tax Committee. It will be advertised and sold either at public auction or sealed bids.
- G. If a land owner files a “Homestead Credit” claim, the County will charge an additional fee of 2% of the sale price as an estimated processing fee together with special assessments, interest, penalty and any other fees associated with said property.
- H. Other than as otherwise provided herein, interest and penalty will no longer be charged to the properties after the Default Judgment is entered in favor of Crawford County and the properties are turned over for advertising; **and**,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Chapter 59 and Chapter 75 – Land Sold for Taxes, authorize the County to collect for all costs incurred in the acquisition and sale of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and approve the fees and guidelines as set forth herein as well as any and all other fees necessary to cover costs incurred by the County in the acquisition and sale of property as are authorized under Chapter 75 Wis. Stats.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2019.

Derek Flansburgh, Chairman
Henry Esser
Kersten Rocksvold

Passed and approved this 18th day of June, 2019.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Janet L. Geisler
County Clerk

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

Under committee reports, Personnel Chairman Brad Steiner reported that Cheri Leachman has been hired as a Human Resources Specialist at 20 hours per week until the first of the year. Brad gave a history of her employment experience.

An update on the Blackhawk Junction property was provided by Corporation Counsel, Mark Peterson. Four proposed leases have been drafted which are month to month with a 90-day notice of termination clause based on .55 per foot. The leases have been sent to the current renters. Title has not been taken until the leases are in hand. The County will be closing on the entire property which has approximately nine acres. Once the leases have been signed, there will be income from the rental properties.

Chairman Cornford asked if any supervisor would like to volunteer to be a member of the Tourism Council as requested by Dale Klemme. Supervisor Kuhn would be interested depending on the meeting dates.

Supervisor Kuhn reminded the supervisors that lots of volunteers are needed for the Crawford County Fair.

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
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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 Regular Session on June 18, 2019.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk