

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL SESSION
May 21, 2020

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in special session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on May 21, 2020.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisors Orr and Rogers. Supervisor Mary Kuhn and Wayne Jerrett participated in the meeting through teleconference. Chairman Cornford led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

Treasurer Deanne Lutz addressed the Board to explain the resolution from the Governor regarding the waiving of interest and penalties on property tax payments. If the County approves the resolution today it automatically triggers two settlement payout dates for the municipalities which is August 20th and September 20th. If municipalities also vote through the resolution that triggers the October 1st collection date instead of the July 31st collection date. Deanne has contacted most of the municipalities and they are on board that if the County passes the resolution today, then the municipalities would also pass it. Information was distributed showing how the various counties have handled the resolution. Nine counties have passed the resolution; four counties have created their own resolution; 14 county boards have voted the resolution down; five counties are still pending and 24 counties voted it down and did not take it to their County Board.

The Finance Committee has met and recommended that the County pass the Governor's resolution. There was concern on what impact this will have on the County. The sales tax collection for the County has not been affected yet. There is a lot of concern about the County's budget next year.

The County was concerned that there would be the need to borrow money to pay the second installment by October 1st to the municipalities and the County would not have the tax dollars to make the payment. If the County doesn't pay the full payment, the municipality has the right to charge the County interest and penalty for every day that goes past. Deanne has asked the municipalities if the County was in a hardship and did not have enough money to pay the September 20th settlement, could the County pay half the amount and then pay the rest in the second week in October and not have the municipalities charge the penalty against the County. All of the municipalities agreed that they would take an extension until the County settled in October. This would avoid the County having to borrow money. Corporation Counsel has no opinion on whether the resolution should be passed or not.

Motion by Munson, second by Steiner to wave the County Clerk reading the resolution. The motion carried.