

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 12, 2019

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in annual session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on November 12, 2019.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present except Supervisors Esser, Jerrett and Orr.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Supervisor Duane Rogers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave a presentation to the Board of the 2020 proposed budget. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to borrow funds to balance the budget. Borrowing would require approval of three-fourths of the members elect.

Supervisor Jerrett arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Supervisor Rogers explained that initially the 2020 budget was \$1,066,000 above the allowable levy limit. In order to balance the budget \$300,000 was applied from the General Fund and \$250,000 was transferred from Human Services. The borrowing of \$500,000 would bring the County to the allowable levy limit. The borrowing would then be paid back in the same year that it was borrowed. The Highway department's budget was decreased by \$500,000 and the money that was borrowed would then be given back to Highway.

Supervisor Orr arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Supervisor Rogers explained some of the other provisions of the budget that include:

- 2.5% increase in wages for employees
- Request for \$37,000 for water quality study was removed
- New vehicles for the Sheriff's department were removed and will be purchased with funds from bonding money
- County Fair budget was increased by \$43,000
- Part-time Human Resources position was increased to full-time at a cost of \$60,000

If the borrowing is approved, the mill rate would increase to 7.48 which is a 5.1% increase from 2019. The process for borrowing was then explained. If the borrowing is not approved, \$500,000 would need to be found somewhere else in the budget.

A possible wheel tax in the future was explained. The County would need to adopt a County Vehicle Registration Fee ordinance. There are approximately 16,000 vehicles in the County which could result in additional revenue of \$320,000 if the tax was \$20 per vehicle. All revenue must be used for transportation related purposes.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Stirling to approve \$500,000 in borrowing for the 2020 Budget. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Chairman Cornford stated that the County Board of Supervisors will now take up the matter of the 2020 Budget.

Motion by Kelley, second by Kuhn that the Clerk shall read the budget total only for each department. The motion carried and the Clerk read the budget total for each department.

Motion by Olson, second by Kuhn to allow any questions or appearances to come before the Board. Motion carried unanimously. There were no further questions.

Supervisor Dull questioned why the Veterans budget appeared under the heading of Health and Social Services. The Clerk advised that this would be changed for the next budget and it will appear under the heading of General Government.

Motion by Krachey, second by Kelley that the budget be read by summaries only. The motion carried and the Clerk read the budget by summaries only.

Chairman Cornford stated the Budget has been read and considered several times, the question is, "Shall the 2020 Budget be adopted?"

Motion by Dull, second by Kelley that the 2020 Budget be adopted. Motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County now in open session this 12th day of November, 2019, that the 2020 Budget be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be and hereby is instructed and ordered to assess the same against the taxable property of Crawford County, both real and personal, pursuant to the action and recommendations of the County Board and the Wisconsin Statutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Duane S. Rogers

Geri Kozelka

Greg Russell

Gerald F. Krachey

Wayne Jerrett

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

Under new business there was a **motion by Krachey, second by Dull to approve a 2.5% pay increase for employees. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer Deanne Lutz was asked to join the meeting to give an update on the Blackhawk Junction property. There was a six-month verbal agreement that the County would hold on to the Blackhawk Junction property until the City decides if they want to purchase the property. At the end of November, the six-month verbal agreement comes to an end. A letter was sent to the City notifying them that the time period was coming to an end. The letter was read to the Board. Representatives came to the Delinquent Tax Committee and made a verbal offer to purchase the property for \$612,000 which is the asking price for the fees and taxes that were netted against the property. The City will meet with their attorney to create the terms of their offer. Those terms are not known at this time. Interest and penalty through the month of November were included. There are also out-of-pocket costs of approximately \$23,000 that the County has incurred that have been included. A new fire alarm system and roof repair costs were also included.

Supervisor Krachey stated that before moving forward, a new contract between the City and County for the joint law enforcement center needs to be worked out before any paperwork is signed.

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
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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 Annual Session on November 12, 2019.

Janet L. Geisler, Crawford County Clerk