

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 19th, 2025

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present, except Carl Orr, Supervisor District #6, and Harrison Heilman, Supervisor District #9, who were excused by the Chair.

Under Opening Remarks, the Chairman informed all members that there will be a scheduled walk through the jail construction site immediately following the County Board meeting today.

The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Greg Callin of Kraemer Brothers provided the County Board with a quarterly update on the new jail remodel and construction project.

Construction overall this summer has gone extremely well. The structure is nearly complete. The roof is on and the concrete slab on grade is wrapping up. The exterior stone is nearly complete. Wall panels will be added to the exterior in September, and the building is expected to be fully enclosed sometime in October. Exterior façade completion is expected in October as well. The substantial completion on the addition is scheduled for April 2026 and complete project completion (including renovations) by Fall of 2026.

No recordable incidents have occurred in the past 30 days. Safety meetings, Toolbox Talks, and safety inspections are all on track with projected goals.

Mary Kuhn asked who does the commissioning for this project. Callin informed her that commissioning is not done “in house”. There are multiple firms involved.

Committee Reports Summary

Personnel: Brad Steiner, Personnel Chair, reported things have been quiet.

Finance: Gary Koch, Finance Chair, reported that work has begun on the 2026 budget. Departments have until the end of the month to submit their budgets. State information is starting to come in, with the Levy Limit Worksheet expected around September 1 and Shared Revenue data

anticipated in mid-September. Koch noted it will be a challenging budget year due to rising health insurance costs and efforts to provide wage increase.

Public Property: Derek Flansburgh, Public Property Chair, announced that John Poots will be giving an update of the water issue at the Administration Building.

Health & Human Services: Linda Munson informed that their committee is currently working on the 2026 Budget.

Ag & Extension: Mary Kuhn reminded the county board that the Crawford County Fair is next week, and they are still looking for volunteers to help out.

Land Conservation: The department is continuing to work on the 10-year soil and water plan. The office is still being reassembled following the recent water damage, with some staff temporarily working out of the Register of Deeds office. Two new applications have been received for large hog operations. The department is also reviewing potential power generation infrastructure in Crawford County, including major electrical lines, solar, and wind projects. Overall, the department has been very busy.

Veterans Committee: The committee met this morning and reviewed a proposed budget for 2026.

Under new business, Ryan Fradette from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office provided a review of the County Line Country Festival held the first weekend in August. Several sheriff's department employees staffed the event, with no outside agencies brought in. Prior to the festival, a violent critical incident plan was developed, including radio communication and designated staging areas.

Fradette reported the weather was favorable, which helped the event run smoothly. Cooler temperatures also helped reduce intoxication levels. Attendance was slightly down, but the crowd was well-behaved, and local businesses benefitted from the increased number of visitors. Underage drinking remains a concern, but there were no major fights. Unfortunately, there was one death from a heart attack, though it was unrelated to the event. No traffic issues were reported.

Following the event, discussions have focused on addressing ongoing issues and the possibility of needed additional support if larger artists are booked in the future.

The Chairman thanked Nate Bremmer, who is part of the jail project transition team, for all his emails and information on the construction progress.

John Poots, Lead Maintenance, stood before the county board today to give an explanation of the recent water damage issue at the Administration Building.

Several weeks ago, a sprinkler head broke on the third floor around 2 a.m. The fire alarm went off, alerting dispatch, who then notified the fire department and John. John arrived at the same time as the fire department. Crews began checking for fire floor by floor, starting in the basement. By the time they reached the third floor, water had been running for about 45 minutes, leaving several inches in the hallway and seeping into the ductwork. The water traveled down into Land Conservation, eventually into the computer destroying all servers. The water was shut off, and ServPro arrived around 6 a.m. to begin the drying process. The building remained closed to the public for about 10 days. Reconstruction is still underway, with cleanup to follow.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Flansburgh, second by Kuhn to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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I, Roberta A. Fisher, 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 August 19th, 2025.

Roberta A. Fisher, Crawford County Clerk