

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 21st, 2025

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present, except Owen DuCharme, District 12; Mary Kuhn, District 8; and Gari Lorenz, District 14, who were excused by the Chair.

The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Carol Roth and Martha Querin-Schultz attended the County Board meeting today to provide an update on the Alice in Dairyland event and its economic impact on Crawford County. The event was a huge success.

The total budget for the event was \$60,000. Thanks to the county's contribution and the generosity of people from Crawford County and the surrounding area, the event ended with a surplus of \$30,000. All remaining funds were returned to the county through contributions to school lunch programs, FFA, Farmers Markets, the Performing Arts Center, Gays Mills Library, Agri-Tourism, and Friends of Gays Mills.

Spending in Gays Mills that weekend increased by 6.87% compared to 2024, and Prairie du Chien saw a 2.53% increase. Overall, the return on investment for this event was excellent.

Martha Querin-Schultz of Connect Communities Gays Mills shared how proud they were to cohost the event with Driftless Development and expressed appreciation for the county's support. She noted they were especially proud of the attention brought to northern Crawford County and mentioned many visitors returned for the Apple Fest in Gays Mills at the end of September.

Motion by Heilman; second by Munson to allow the Clerk to read the following resolution in title only. The motion carried unanimously, and the Clerk read the resolution in title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY AID BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UNDER 81.38 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires appropriation by the County of amounts sufficient to defray the expenses of construction or repairing culverts or bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee and the Finance Committee have submitted proposed budget itemizing Town and County contributions respectively, for such purposes as listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve appropriation by the County for such budget pursuant to Section 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes in the amount of:

Municipality	Bridge/Culvert Location	Project #	Project Total	Municipality Share	County Share	County Share Granted
T. Freeman	McQueen Road	3' culvert	\$4,610.19	\$2,305.09	\$2,305.10	2305.10
T. Freeman	McQueen Road	4' culvert	\$7,300.86	\$3,650.43	\$3,650.43	3650.43
T. Freeman	Moldrem Road	6' culvert	\$15,072.04	\$7,536.02	\$7,536.02	7536.02
T. Freeman	Rush Creek Road 1	3' culvert	\$3,111.48	\$1,555.74	\$1,555.74	1555.74
T. Freeman	Rush Creek Road 2	3' culvert	\$3,111.48	\$1,555.74	\$1,555.74	1555.74
T. Freeman	Rutter Hill Road	5' culvert	\$15,192.17	\$7,596.08	\$7,596.09	7596.09
T. Freeman	Sime Road 1	3' culvert	\$5,030.76	\$2,515.38	\$2,515.38	2515.38
T. Freeman	Sime Road 2	3' culvert	\$5,030.84	\$2,515.42	\$2,515.42	2515.42
T. Freeman	Sime Road 4	3' culvert	\$3,449.77	\$1,724.88	\$1,724.89	1724.89
T. Freeman	Sime Road 5	3' culvert	\$3,749.93	\$1,874.96	\$1,874.97	1874.97
T. Freeman	Sime Road 6	3' culvert	\$3,628.56	\$1,814.28	\$1,814.28	1814.28
T. Freeman	Sime Road	333-B-0065	\$1,418.33	\$ 709.16	\$709.17	709.17
T. Freeman	Sime Road	5' culvert	\$19,066.25	\$9,533.12	\$9,533.13	9533.13
T. Haney	Haney Ridge Road	3' culvert	\$1,609.69	\$804.84	\$804.85	804.85
T. PdC	Mill Coulee Road	4' culvert	\$8,842.55	\$4,421.27	\$4,421.28	4421.28
T. Scott	Clune Lane	337-B-0085	\$1,501.47	\$750.73	\$750.74	750.74
T. Scott	Graham Hollow Road	337-B-0122	\$935.49	\$467.74	\$467.75	467.75
T. Scott	Graham Hollow Road	337-Graham Hollow	\$862.48	\$431.24	\$431.24	431.24
T. Scott	Sleepy Hollow Road	337-Sleepy Hollow	\$963.67	\$481.83	\$481.84	481.84
T. Scott	Spring Valley Road	337-Spring Valley	\$3,842.89	\$1,921.44	\$1,921.45	1921.45
T. Utica	O'Neil Road	3' culvert	\$9,836.99	\$4,918.49	\$4,918.50	4918.50

T. Wauzeka	Gran Grae Road	340-B-0253	\$21.10	\$10.55	\$10.55	10.55
T. Wauzeka	Rhein Hollow Road	3' culvert	\$1,252.00	\$626.00	\$626.00	626.00
T. S. Grove	Dull Road	6' culvert ext	\$4,685.44	\$2,342.72	\$2,342.72	2342.72
T. Steuben	Bridge Street	349-B-0038	\$2,757.66	\$1,378.83	\$1,378.83	1378.83
T. Steuben	Citron West Road	Fix undermined culvert	\$2,217.20	\$1,108.60	\$1,108.60	1108.60
			\$ 129,101.29	\$ 64,550.58	\$ 64,550.71	\$ 64,550.71

Dated: September 18, 2025

Highway Committee:

Carol Orr, Chairman
Bruce Strnad
Gerald Krachey
Derek Flansburgh
Mark Gilberts

Dated: October 8th, 2025

Finance Committee:

Gary Koch, Chairman
Bruce Strnad
Wayne Jerrett
Greg Russell

Motion by Koch; second by Krachey to adopt the Resolution Approving Budget Appropriation for County Aid Bridge Construction under 81.38 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Dan McWilliams, Health and Human Services Director, explained to the county board that the next resolution stems from a federal budget reconciliation bill reducing the federal match for the SNAP (Foodshare) program from 50% to 25%. This means the state and county will now need to contribute three dollars to receive one dollar in federal funds. DHS is requesting county support for increased state funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED STATE FUNDING TOWARD COUNTY COSTS TO PROVIDE "SNAP" FOODSHARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025, makes changes to the SNAP (FoodShare) Program that would reduce federal costs and significantly impact county administered services; **and**

WHEREAS, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service department; **and**

WHEREAS, the legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward the cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs; **and**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; **and**

WHEREAS, if Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the state's 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty payments increasing the state's financial burden—costs that could ultimately cascade down to counties; **and**,

WHEREAS, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal/50% state-local to 25% federal/75% state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP; **and**,

WHEREAS, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff, which could result in an increased payment error rate; **and**,

WHEREAS, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually, with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; **and**

WHEREAS, the new administrative match rate results in an estimate \$17 million annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; **and**,

WHEREAS, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in more cost to the states); **and**,

WHEREAS, Counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Tony Evers, State Senator Howard Marklein, Representative Travis Tranel and the Wisconsin Counties Association (Contact Information on attached Exhibit “A”).

Submitted this 8th day of September 2025.

Linda Munson, Chairman
Joyce Roth
Harrison Heilman
Gari Lorenz
Ellen Brooks

Mary Kuhn, Vice-Chairman
Brad Steiner
Tucker Trefz
Amanda Schultz, RN

Passed and approved this 21st day of October 2025.

Tom Cornford,
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta A. Fisher
County Clerk

Motion by Steiner, second by Munson to adopt the Resolution in Support of Increased State Funding Toward County Costs to Provide “SNAP” Foodshare Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Troester, County Land Conservationist, informed the County Board today that the Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 16 of the Crawford County Ordinances, regarding the Shoreland Protection Ordinance, was not acted upon at the last Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee meeting due to a lack of quorum. He noted the ordinance will be revisited at a future committee meeting before being brought back to full County Board for consideration. No action was taken on this agenda item today.

Chairman Cornford stated we will now take up the matter of An Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Section 4.15(3) of the Crawford County Ordinances Relating to Paid Funeral Leave for the Services of any Coworker Within Each Department.

Motion by Krachey; second by Gilberts to allow the Clerk to read the following ordinance in title only. The motion carried and the Clerk read the Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Section 4.15(3) of the Crawford County Ordinances Relating to Paid Funeral Leave for the Services of any Coworker Within the Department in title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 260-2025

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 4.15(3) OF
THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PAID FUNERAL LEAVE FOR
THE SERVICES OF ANY COWORKER WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

Section I: That Crawford County Ordinance Section 4.15(3) is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

“4.15 FUNERAL LEAVE.

(3) At the discretion of each respective Department Head and except where staffing shortages would compromise safety or the efficient operation of County services, all employees shall be granted up to a full day of funeral leave to attend the funeral or memorial service of a fellow worker within the employee's department. This leave must be used to attend the funeral or memorial service.”

Dated this 24th day of September 2025.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Brad Steiner, Chairman
Wayne Jerrett
Mark Gilberts

Owen DuCharme
Carl Orr

Passed and approved this 21st day of October 2025.

Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta A. Fisher
County Clerk

Published this day of November 2025.
Effective this day of November 2025.

Chairman Cornford again asked for any questions or appearances. There being none, there was a motion by Krachey; second by Steiner to approve the Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Section 4.15(3) of the Crawford County Ordinances Relating to Paid Funeral Leave for the Services of any Coworker Within Each Department. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL CLAIMS COMMITTEE

To: The County Board of Crawford County

We, your Committee on General Claims, respectfully report that we have audited the following claims against Crawford County and recommend that the same be allowed as set forth in the right-hand column of the following reports.

Audit and General Claims Committee:

**Brad Steiner
Linda Munson
Sarah Nelson**

2025 ASSESSMENT OF DOGS

Dogs	Assessors	Claimed	Allowed
343	T. Fuller, City of Prairie du Chien	\$376.00	\$376.00

Signed by Audit & General Claims Committee:

**Brad Steiner
Linda Munson
Sarah Nelson**

Dated September 12, 2025.

2025 CEMETERY CLAIMS

Cemetery	Payable to:	Claimed	Allowed
Barnum	Town of Haney	\$24.00	\$24.00
Bell Center	Village of Bell Center	\$33.00	\$33.00
Boydton	Boydton Cemetery	\$42.00	\$42.00
Bridgeport	Town of Bridgeport	\$36.00	\$36.00
Calvary	Calvary Cemetery	\$21.00	\$21.00
Campbell	Town of Eastman	\$75.00	\$75.00
Coleman/Whiteaker	Coleman/Whiteaker Cem	\$84.00	\$84.00
Crow Hollow	Town of Haney	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Dickson	V. of Lynxville	\$192.00	\$192.00
Eastman National	Eastman Nat. Cem	\$87.00	\$87.00
Ferryville	V. of Ferryville	\$126.00	\$126.00
Forest Hill	V. of Soldiers Grove	\$144.00	\$144.00

Freeman	Freeman Cem Assoc.	\$120.00	\$120.00
Frenchtown	T. of Prairie du Chien	\$15.00	\$15.00
Georgetown	T. of Scott	\$30.00	\$30.00
German Ridge	German Ridge Cem.	\$12.00	\$12.00
Green & Union	T. of Marietta	\$36.00	\$36.00
Haney Ridge	Haney Ridge Cem Assoc	\$237.00	\$237.00
Haney Valley	T. of Haney	\$15.00	\$15.00
Hickory Grove/Stuart	T. of Seneca	\$63.00	\$63.00
Kast(Mt. Pleasant)	Kast-Mt. Pleasant Cem	\$45.00	\$45.00
Montgomeryville	Montgomeryville Cem	\$78.00	\$78.00
Mook	Mook Cemetery	\$96.00	\$96.00
Mt. Sterling Luth.	Mt. Sterling Cem Assoc	\$147.00	\$147.00
Mt. Vernon	T. of Freeman	\$33.00	\$33.00
North Clayton	North Clayton Cem Assoc	\$327.00	\$327.00
Pioneer	V. of Mt. Sterling	\$45.00	\$45.00
Pleasant Mound	T. of Marietta	\$78.00	\$78.00
Posey	T. of Marietta	\$ 15.00	\$15.00
PDC Evergreen	PDC Evergreen Cem Assoc	\$150.00	\$150.00
Rush Creek	T. of Freeman	\$18.00	\$18.00
Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart Cem.	\$54.00	\$54.00
St. Gabriel's	St. Gabriel's Cem Assoc	\$69.00	\$69.00
St. James Catholic	St. James Catholic Cem	\$129.00	\$129.00
St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's Cem Assoc	\$174.00	\$174.00
St. Philip's	St. Philip's Cem. Assoc	\$162.00	\$162.00
St. Wenceslaus	St. Wenceslaus Cem	\$201.00	\$201.00
Shanghai Ridge	Shanghai Ridge Cem	\$39.00	\$39.00
South Kickapoo	South Kickapoo Cem	\$75.00	\$75.00
Sugar Grove	Sugar Grove Cem Assoc	\$219.00	\$219.00
Towerville	T. of Utica	\$42.00	\$42.00
Union Hill (Mt Zion-			
Town of Scott)	Union Hill Cem Assoc	\$255.00	\$255.00
Utica Lutheran	Utica Lutheran Cem Assoc	\$285.00	\$285.00
Utica Seneca	Utica Seneca Cem Assoc	\$216.00	\$216.00
Wauzeka	Wauzeka Cem Assoc	\$102.00	\$102.00
Wayne	T. of Marietta	\$72.00	\$72.00
Yankeetown	Yankeetown Cem	\$54.00	\$54.00
Total		\$4,578.00	\$4,578.00

Signed by Audit & General Claims Committee:

Brad Steiner
Linda Munson
Sarah Nelson

Dated: September 12, 2025

Motion by Munson, second by Koch to approve the Report of the General Claims Committee. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Under committee reports, Brad Steiner, Personnel Chairman, reported nothing new regarding Personnel updates.

Gary Koch, Finance Chairman, reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 22nd to make a recommendation for the 2026 Budget and the Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th. There are two borrowings included in the 2026 Budget.

Motion by Strnad, second by Koch to approve the county move forward to solicit bids for \$1,100,000 in long-term borrowing for Highway equipment. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Motion by Krachey; second by Anderson to approve the county move forward to solicit bids for \$140,000 borrowing for Law Enforcement squad cars in the 2026 Budget. The terms of this loan would not exceed five years. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Derek Flansburgh, Public Property Chairman, reported that Dell was here to put the replacement servers in.

Linda Munson reported for ADRC. There have been several meetings throughout the county to help explain the new Medicare changes.

Kyle Kozelka, Highway Commissioner, reported on behalf of the Highway Committee. He stated they are working through the 2026 budget, and they are also in the planning stages of the new combined highway facility project, gathering information on financing and bonding options.

Wayne Jerrett reported that the carnival has been contracted to return for next year's Crawford County Fair, along with the Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby. He also noted that Extension is still seeking to fill the part-time Clerk III position. Chairman Cornford thanked Jerrett and the Fair Committee members for all the hard work they put into making the Fair a success again this year.

Land Conservation has been busy working on updates to the Shoreland Protection Ordinance. They also held a public hearing on two livestock siting applications that were received. A long-term water and soil plan is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Eight certified survey maps are on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Chairman Cornford asked how the public hearing went and whether the applicants were meeting all the requirements.

Chairman Cornford reminded the county board members today that the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 10 a.m. due to November 11th being Veteran's Day.

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN
(ss)
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

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 October 21st, 2025.

Roberta A. Fisher, Crawford County Clerk