

FINANCE
December 3rd, 2025

Call to order

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Finance Chairman Gary Koch. Committee members Gerry Krachey, Greg Russell, and Wayne Jerrett were present. Bruce Strnad was absent. Also present were Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Brad Steiner, County Supervisor; and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk.

Verify posting

The Finance Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted at the Courthouse, Administration Building and on the county website.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jerrett, second by Krachey to approve the minutes from the November 19th Finance Committee meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Approval of Bills and Proposals

The Clerk presented one invoice for approval today.

- Klein McCarthy Architects - \$27,132.94

Motion by Krachey, second by Jerrett to approve payment of the Klein McCarthy November invoice. The motion carried unanimously.

County Board Proceedings Resolution

The Clerk presented the Resolution Relating to County Board Proceedings to the Finance Committee members for review.

This is an annual resolution which instructs the County Clerk to publish all county board meeting minutes for the upcoming year in the Courier Press and the Crawford Independent. It also instructs the County Clerk to print 75 publications of all county board proceedings from the current year.

Motion by Krachey; second by Jerrett to adopt the Resolution Relating to County Board Proceedings. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Resolution Urging Legislative Action Re: Tax Levy Freeze

Forest County adopted a Resolution Urging Legislative Action to Address County Funding Challenges Under Wisconsin's Tax Levy Freeze, and is urging counties to pass a similar resolution in their respective counties.

Gary Koch, Finance Chairman, shared his thoughts and recommended that we follow the approach other counties have taken by adopting our own resolution using Crawford County data. The resolution urges Wisconsin legislators to review counties that have not benefited from current laws on new construction and TID increases, shown by having less than 2% total new construction adjustments from 2005 to 2023. It is requesting a statutory adjustment and a 5% levy increase to help offset the loss of CPI increases over the past 20 years.

Motion by Krachey; second by Jerrett to request Corporation Counsel draft a similar resolution using Crawford County statistics and forward to full county board for consideration and adoption. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**December
County Board
Agenda**

Items to be placed on the December County Board agenda are as follows:

- Ken Lucht, WATCO will give a brief presentation to the board
- Resolution Relating to County Board Proceedings
- Resolution Relating to County Highway Maintenance During Calendar Year 2026
- Resolution Urging Legislative Action to Address County Funding Challenges Under Wisconsin's Tax Levy Freeze
- Resolution Approving Changes to the Rural Functional Classification System in Crawford County
- Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 16 of the Crawford County Ordinances Regarding the Shoreland Protection Ordinance
- Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Sections 4.24(1)(a) and 4.28(1)(b) of the Crawford County Ordinances Relating to Paid Vacation Leave Computation and Floating Holiday Entitlement

Next meeting

December 17th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Cornford; second by Russell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk