

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 16th, 2026

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Cornford. Roll was called with all members present, except Supervisor Gilberts and Supervisor Strnad who were excused by the Chair.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Opening Remarks, the Chairman asked for any volunteers to serve as a county representative on the Hidden Valleys Board. They meet once a month in Boscobel. Hidden Valley Tourism promotes travel across the Driftless Area of Southwestern Wisconsin.

The Chairman verified the meeting as being properly posted.

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

Supervisor Anderson informed the Chairman that he voted “naye” on the SMRT Bus Resolution at the April 21st County Board meeting and requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect this. The Clerk will make the noted correction.

Chairman Cornford asked for a motion to appoint Harrison Heilman as a county representative to the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region Committee. This committee is comprised of a representative from eleven counties. They meet quarterly and administer Community Development Block Grant funds for home rehabilitation and down payment assistance projects for qualifying households.

Motion by Koch, second by Munson to approve the appointment of Harrison Heilman to the SW Wisconsin Housing Region Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Moses, representing PdC Area Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Council & Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center, appeared before the County Board to propose a collaborative effort with Crawford County to explore sustainable funding solutions and establish a structure that supports consistent, countywide tourism efforts. His goal is to help maximize the economic impact and revenue-generating potential of visitor spending.

Moses is requesting additional funding support from the County to expand into a more formal, coordinated countywide tourism role. This expanded role would provide enhanced marketing, visitor services, data collection, and strategic planning that would benefit communities through Crawford County.

The proposed organizational structure would operate under the Chamber framework but maintain a separate county budget. The Chamber would manage administrative functions, including

HR, payroll, marketing, and reporting. A part-time county coordinator position is proposed to focus on county attractions, events, and promotional efforts.

Bob also expressed interest in expanding the Prairie du Chien Tourism Council to include potential County Board and/or township representatives.

Chairman Cornford recognized the next presenter on the agenda, Drew Nussbaum, a Development Specialist with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. Nussbaum shared a PowerPoint presentation featuring local economic data collected from Crawford County and surrounding counties. He expressed support for Bob Moses' proposal, noting the importance of collaborating with Crawford County to promote the county as a whole rather than focusing on a single area.

In 2025, tourism in Crawford County generated a total economic impact of \$75 million. Tourism also supported 646 jobs in Crawford County last year.

Sherry Quamme, Chairperson of the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission, presented the 2026 Wisconsin Great River Road Trip Travel and Visitors Guide to the County Board today. Crawford County is featured with five full pages of advertisements in the guide.

The Great River Road spans 250 miles and includes 33 river towns along its route. In 2025, Crawford County saw a 2.4% increase in total tourism-related economic impact.

Quamme also voiced her support for the Prairie du Chien Tourism proposal that was previously shared with the County Board. She formally requested the continuation of the county's annual \$1,500 contribution in the 2027 budget.

Steve Hanson of Northeast Iowa Telephone (NEIT) informed the County Board today that the company has accepted a grant to extend fiber-optic service to 390 locations in Crawford County. The County had previously approved \$100,000 in support of this BEAD grant.

Hanson also noted that a new grant opportunity is now available to bring service to an additional 420 underserved locations. He is requesting the County Board sign a letter of support to accompany NEIT's application for this new grant. Hanson also asked the county to sign a letter of intent agreeing to waive any applicable county fees related to construction of the proposed fiber-optic network, should NEIT be awarded the grant.

Motion by Anderson, second by Koch to sign a Letter of Support and a Letter of Intent for NEIT's application for the new fiber-optic project extending service to 420 locations in Crawford County. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

In an effort to gather Crawford County data for the Driftless Area Water Study project, the Land Conservation Department participated in private well testing. Results from testing rounds conducted in October 2020, April 2021, November 2022, November 2024, and March 2026 were shared with the County Board today.

This March, 101 water samples were collected county-wide. Cayla Cavey, UW-Stevens Point joined via Zoom to present the findings. Samples were analyzed for nitrate levels and bacterial contamination to help identify whether any protective actions may be needed.

In Crawford County, only 2% of the samples met or exceeded the health standard of 10 mg. per liter of nitrate. Another key finding was increasing water hardness: approximately 94% of samples were classified as hard water. Elevated iron levels were also common, contributing to aesthetic issues such as brown or red staining.

Of the 101 samples, 13 tested positive for Coliform bacteria, while 0 tested positive for E. Coli. Corrective actions are available and can be taken in response to Coliform bacteria detections.

Deanne Lutz, Treasurer, addressed the County Board today to present the next three resolutions. The first, Resolution Regarding Uncalled for Orders and Unclaimed Funds is an annual measure that outlines all county checks issued by various departments which have remained uncashed for at least ten years. After a ten-year period, if the payee has neither cashed the check nor requested repayment, the funds are returned to the county's general fund.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026

RESOLUTION REGARDING UNCALLED FOR ORDERS AND UNCLAIMED FUNDS

WHEREAS, the County has complied with the requirements of §59.64(4) Wis.Stats, regarding all county orders which have remained in the Clerk's Office for 2 years uncalled for by the payee that are included in the attached Exhibit "A", and the County Board is authorized to cancel and destroy said outstanding checks subject to the reissuance standards of §59,64(4)(e) Wis.Stats.; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Clerk and the Treasurer have complied with the requirements of §59.66(1) Wis.Stats. - "Disposition of Unclaimed Funds By Court Clerks" - regarding funds included in the attached Exhibit "A" and same have been deposited in the general fund of the County Treasury ; **and**,

WHEREAS, the procedural requirements of §59.66(2) Wis.Stats. - "Unclaimed Funds in Public Treasury" - have been met regarding funds included in the attached Exhibit "A" and
§59,66(2)(b) Wis.Stats. provides that funds become property of the County if no proof of ownership is made within 10 years from the time that those funds are delivered to the Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board does hereby cancel and destroy said above outstanding checks subject to the reissuance standards of

§59.64(4)(e) Wis.Stats.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds subject to this resolution that have been in the possession of the Treasurer for a period of more than 10 years pursuant to §59.66 Wis.Stats are the property of the County and are to be transferred to the "County Revenue Account".

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2026

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Gary Koch, Chairman
Gerald Krachey
Bruce Strnad

Greg Russell
Wayne Jerrett

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2026

Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta A. Fisher
County Clerk

Motion by Krachey, second by Kuhn to approve the Resolution Regarding Uncalled for Orders and Unclaimed Funds. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Lutz explained the second, Resolution Relating to Tax Delinquent Lands, which begins the upcoming foreclosure Tax Year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026

Relating to Tax Delinquent Lands

Whereas, Crawford County, Wisconsin, is the Owner and Holder of Delinquent Tax Certificates on lands which have unpaid property taxes, and

Whereas, the redemption period for the Tax Certificates of 2022, has expired, and

Whereas, Crawford County has by Chapter 3.03 of the Crawford County Code of Ordinances, adopted in August 2008, elected to proceed under Section 75.521 of the Wisconsin Statutes to enforce the Collection of Tax Liens,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Crawford County Treasurer and the Corporation Counsel are to proceed to enforce the Collection of Tax Liens, the taking of Tax Title in the name of Crawford County, and the perfecting of such

Tax Title on the following Tax Delinquent Lands:

Town of Bridgeport				Year	Amount
002-0460-0003	Owner Uncertain		Sec.6,T6N,R6W PART OF VINEYARD RD LYG ADJACENT TO PCL #460-2 & 460-1 .2 ACRES	2022	1.95
002-0552-0000	Michael Bronson	38036 BIRCH CT	Sect. 9,T6N, R6W DESIGN HILLS LOT 7 .470 ACRES	2022	1023.36
002-0789-0000	Galen Govier	37260 SAND BURR LN	LOT 2 OF CSM #912 AS FILED IN VOL 7/CSM/86 AS DOC #269339; BEING LOCATED IN PRT OF LOT 2 OF CSM #767 LOCATED IN FARM LOT 40 OF THE PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS (SPLIT #762) WD #275931 .570 ACRES	2002	770.63

Town of Clayton				Year	Amount
004-0111-0005	Paul Mertens/Cynthia Orthal	41172 TROUT CREEK RD	Sec. 23, T11N, R3W PART OF THE SE1/4 LYG E OF TROUT CREEK RD 29.740 ACRES	2022	2070.65
004-0126-0005	Paul Mertens/Cynthia Orthal		Sec. 24, T11N, R3W THAT PRT OF THE SW1/4 OF SD SECT AS DESC IN WD #300949 (SURVEY ON FILE 10/07) 11.98 ACRES	2022	22.46
004-0538-0001	Edward/Melissa Smith		Sec. 13, T10N, R4W THAT PRT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LYG S OF TN ROAD AS IT APPEARS IN 1993 EXC VOL 532/D/88 WD #332739 5.77 ACRES	2022	42.42
004-0617-0000	Edward/Melissa Smith	46971 DEL LA MATER RD	Sec. 24, T10N, R4W NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 EXC THAT PRT OF THE E 1/2 OF SAID FORTY LYG N'LY OF TN ROAD AS IT APPEARS IN 1993 WD #332739 40.63 ACRES	2022	6105.65
004-0755-0001	Peter Dull	13664 COUNTY RD H	Sec. 3, T10N, R3W COM AT A PT WHERE W LN OF THE NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 IS INTR BY CNTRLN OF CO TRUNK "H"; TH E'LY ALG CNTR OF HWY 22 RDS; TH N 29 RDS; TH W'LY ON LN PARA WITH CNTR LN OF HWY 22 RDS TO W LN OF 40; TH S 29 RDS TO POB WD #300725 3.55 ACRES	2022	194.63
004-0851-0000	Adrian Hudson/Danielle Hudson	44096 COUNTY RD X	Sec. 8, T10N, R3W PRT OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 AS DESC IN QCD #300487 WD #315854 QCD #322133 1.010 ACRES	2022	695.95

Town of Eastman				Year	Amount
006-0520-0001	Joesph/Peggy Weirich		Sec. 27, T8N, R5W THAT PRT OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AS DESC IN PRD #311519 .30 ACRES	2022	2.72
006-0521-0000	Joesph/Peggy Weirich		Sec. 27, T8N, R5W SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 EXC THAT PRT DESC IN WD #318882 (PCL #521-5) PRD #311519 (ORIG LEGAL) 6.37 ACRES	2022	10.87
006-0531-0001	Joesph/Peggy Weirich		Sec. 27, T8N, R5W A PRT OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 AS DESC IN PRD #311519 .03ACRES	2022	2.72

Town of Freeman				Year	Amount
008-0207-0000	Dietrich Smith	16797 Tiger Rd	Sec. 19, T10N, R5W PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 & THE NE1/4 OF SW1/4 7.97 ACRES	2022	191.17
008-0439-0000	James Nau	58062 North Buck Creek Rd	Sec. 12, T10N, R6W THAT PRT OF E1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 LYG N'LY OF	2022	525.22

			NORTH BUCK CREEK RD; ALSO E1/2 OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 WD #293289 QCD #341580 4.66 ACRES		
008-0838-0000	Birkelo Special Trust % Gerhard Birkelo	57828 County Rd C	Sec. 31, T11N, R5W THAT PRT OF THE SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOLL: COMM AT S 1/4 COR OF SECT 31; TH S 89*55'24" W ALG S LN OF THE SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 1308.27' TO NW COR OF SECT 6-10-5 & THE POB; TH S 89*55'24" W ALG SD LN 8.27' TO SW COR OF SD SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4; TH N 00*00'18" W ALG THE W LN THEREOF 104.34' TO C/L OF COUNTY HWY C; TH N 76*00'58" E ALG SD C/L 8.52'; TH S 00*00'18" E 106.38' TO POB VOL 442/D/229 VOL 480/D/236 VOL 611/D/206 (SURVEY ON FILE) .18 ACRES	2022	42.61

Town of Haney				Year	Amount
010-0690-0005	Owner Uncertain		Sec. 34, T9N, R4W VILLAGE OF BARNUM THAT PRT OF LOT 1; BLOCK 5 DESC AS FOLL: COMM AT SW COR; TH N'LY TO NW COR OF LOT 1; TH E ALG N LN OF LOT 1 60'; TH S'LY TO A PT ON S LN OF SD LOT 50' E OF POB; TH W'LY TO POB .10 ACRES	2022	9.09
010-070-0005	Owner Uncertain		Sec. 34, T9N, R4W VILLAGE OF BARNUM A STRIP OF LAND NORTH OF BLOCK 1 DESC AS FOLL: COM AT THE NW COR OF LOT 16; BLOCK 1; TH RUNNING N 100' TO POB; TH E PARALLEL W/THE N LINE OF BLOCK 1 100'; TH N ON AN EXTENTION OF THE E LN OF LOT 19 TO THE N LN OF SECT 34; TH W ALG THE SECT LN 100' MORE OR LESS; TH S TO POB .11 ACRES	2022	10.90

Town of Prairie du Chien				Year	Amount
014-0504-0002	Bryon Ohlert		Sec. 30, T7N, R6W A PCL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AS DESC IN QCD #328892 (SURVEY ON FILE) .339 ACRES	2022	35.41
014-0504-0003	Bryon Ohlert		Sec. 30, T7N, R6W A PCL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AS DESC IN QCD #281420 (SURVEY ON FILE) .42 ACRES	2022	2.37

Town of Seneca				Year	Amount
018-0855-0004	Jane Bickel	21260 W RIVERVIEW DR	Gov. Lot 1, Sec. 14, T9N, R6W PART OF LOT 10 CSM #112 BEING PART OF GOV'T LOT 1 19.150 ACRES	2022	3,130.71
018-1224-0013	Leonard/Sandra Warland		Sec. 35, T10N, R6W A PCL OF LAND LOCATED IN PRT OF THE SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 AS DESC IN WD #336631 (SURVEY ON FILE) 1.03 ACRES	2022	237.94

Town of Utica				Year	Amount
020-0386-0010	Michelle Forde	54995 Smith Rd	Sec. 27, T11N, R5W THAT PRT OF THE N 1/2 OF THE EAST 32 ACRES DESC AS FOLL: COMM AT THE NE COR OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4; TH W 660' ALG THE N LN OF SD 40 TO POB; TH S 165' ON	2022	1557.42

			A LN PARALLEL TO THE E LN OF SD 40; TH W 264' ON A LN PARALLEL TO THE N LN OF SD 40; TH N 165' ON A LN PARALLEL TO THE E LN OF SD 40; TH E 264' TO POB QCD #338267 1.00 ACRES		
020-0944-0005	Faye Arlene Welsh		Sec.8,T10N,R4W PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 & SW1/4 OF SE1/4;	2022	475.62
020-1002-0000	Midwest Organic Fruit Growers Coop		Sec.17,T10N,R4W PART OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4; 2.03 ACRES	2022	98.34
020-1006-0000	Faye Arlene Welsh	50350 & 50454 TURKEY RIDGE RD	Sec.17,T10N,R4W PART OF THE E1/2 OF NW1/4 & W1/2 OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4; 63.18 ACRES	2022	3004.00

Town of Wauzeka			Year	Amount
022-0074-0002	Owner Uncertain		2022	8.81
022-0116-0005	Owner Uncertain		2022	8.81

Village of Bell Center			Year	Amount
106-0023-0002	Owner Uncertain		2022	2.21

Village of Eastman			Year	Amount
121-0183-0000	Gregory Ready		2022	148.00
121-0187-0000	Gregory Ready	28451 Ready Ln	2022	2128.00
121-0188-0000	Gregory Ready		2022	53.48

Village of Ferryville			Year	Amount
126-0026-0000	Ryan McCarty / Lori Lachman	132 & 132 1/2 MAIN ST	2022	547.09
126-0027-0000	Ryan McCarty / Lori Lachman	134 MAIN ST	2022	1113.12

Village of Gays Mills			Year	Amount
131-0112-0005	Patsy Gander		2022	3.81
131-0424-0000	Albert Zegiel	225 MAIN ST	2022	511.94

Village of Lynxville			Year	Amount
146-0156-0010	Owner Uncertain		2022	2.04

146-0165-0010	Owner Uncertain		Sec. 24, T9N. R6W A PCL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS FOLL: COMM AT THE NW COR OF SECT 24; TH S 04°44'00" W 264.20'; TH E 160'; TH E 91.65'; TH N 107.57' TO POB; TH N 88°28'50" W 91.68'; TH N TO THE CENTERLINE OF MORGAN HOLLOW RD; TH ALG SD CENTERLINE TO A POINT WHICH IS 27.21' MORE OR LESS N OF THE POB; TH S 27.21' MORE OR LESS TO THE POB	2022	2.04
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Village of Mt Sterling				Year	Amount
151-0060-0001	Owner Uncertain		Sec.26,T10N,R5W THAT PRT OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 DESC AS FOLLOWS: COMM 660' W OF THE NE CORNER OF SECT 26 & THE POB; TH S 1 ROD; TH W TO CENTERLINE OF HWY; TH NORTHEASTERLY ALG SD CENTERLINE TO THE N LN OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4; TH E TO POB .03 ACRES	2022	2.34
151-0067-0002	Owner Uncertain		Sec.26,T10N,R5W PART OF THE NW1/4 OF NE1/4 LYG W/IN PCL #67-0 .31 ACRES	2022	2.53
151-0092-0001	Owner Uncertain		Sec.26,T10N,R5W THAT PRT OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY HWY ON THE EAST BY WEST ST, ON THE NORTH BY PCL #92-0 & THE WEST BY PCL #89-0 .94 ACRES	2022	2.34

Village of Soldiers Grove				Year	Amount
181-0037-0000	Shelley Strait	12349 East St	ASSESSOR'S PLAT LOT 11 VOL 627/D/19 TRANSFER BY AFFIDAVIT #343699 1.00 ACRE	2022	1929.95
181-0118-0000	Soldiers Grove Storage, LLC		2ND ADD TO BAKER CREEK ADD LOT 30 LC #332471 TRANSFER BY AFFIDAVIT #350675 .895 ACRES	2022	731.19
181-0163-0000	Lance Hagen	102 RAILWAY AVE	KIDD'S ADDITION LOTS 13, 14, 15 & 16; BLOCK 7 VOL 663/D/171 0.287 ACRES	2022	888.05
181-0404-0005	Owner Uncertain		Sec. 31, T11N, R3W A PCL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS FOLL: COMM AT THE NE COR OF SD 40; TH E ALG THE E LN OF SD 40 352.40' TO THE N RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STH 131 & THE POB OF THIS DESC; TH S 53°36'58" W 130.76' MORE OR LESS ALG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY; TH N 36°23'02" W 44.62'; TH N 00°22'08" E 157.88'; TH E 138' MORE OR LESS TO THE E LN OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4; TH S ALG SD E LN TO THE POB EXC THAT PRT DESC IN VOL 438/D/414 (PCL #404-0) .06 ACRES	2022	2.30

Village of Steuben				Year	Amount
182-1055-0000	Jesse/ Breanne Groom	148 Bridge St	Sec. 9, T8N, R4W ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 2 LOT 55 WD #287577 .17 ACRES	2022	75.35

City of Prairie du Chien				Year	Amount
271-0044-0000	Gregory Rickleff/ Anita Rickleff	1119 S WACOUTA AVE	BEAUMONT'S ADDITION LOT 13; BLOCK 8 VOL 361/D/213 .114 ACRES	2022	1908.21
271-0212-0004	Gerald Anthony	941 S BEAUMONT RD	COMMISSIONER'S PLAT LOT 9; BLOCK 2 WD #304195 .180 ACRES	2022	829.62

271-0778-0000	Clarence Mezera	1200 S 6 TH ST	PARISH'S ADDITION LOTS 1 & 2; ALSO 1/2 VAC ALLEY ADJ; BLOCK 1 VOL 250/D/27 VOL 584/MIS/346 (RES) .253 ACRES	2022	1350.74
271-1592-0000	Felicia Ann Kober		UNION PLAT LOT 3 BLOCK 74 .195 ACRES	2022	533.12
271-1593-0000	Felicia Ann Kober		UNION PLAT N1/2 OF LOT 4; BLOCK 74	2022	59.14
271-1982-0000	Kathryn Scott	420 S ILLINOIS ST	UNION PLAT LOT 9; BLOCK 131 .255 ACRES	2022	1479.23
271-2214-0000	Cletus Mezera	1104 E CASS ST	UNION PLAT E70' OF LOTS 14, 15, & 16 BLOCK 180 .241 ACRES	2022	801.39

Dated this 16th day of June, 2026.

DELINQUENT TAX COMMITTEE:

Derek Flansburgh, Chairman
Bruce Strnad

Mark Gilberts

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2026

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta Fisher
County Clerk

Motion by Flansburgh, second by Heilman to approve the Resolution Relating to Tax Delinquent Lands. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Kuhn to allow the Clerk to read the following Resolution in title only. The motion carried unanimously, and the clerk read in title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES
IN PROCEEDINGS IN REM TO FORECLOSE TAX LIENS**

WHEREAS, the Delinquent Tax Committee has considered and approved the following fees and guidelines necessary to cover the costs incurred by the County pursuant to Proceedings In Rem to Foreclose Tax Liens:

- A. The title work fee will be charged to each delinquent property as soon as the title work is ordered.

- B. Once the foreclosure action is filed there will be an additional \$200.00 fee charged to each delinquent property to cover the estimated additional costs (including legal fees) of the foreclosure process.
- C. At such time as the foreclosure action is filed with the Court, it will be mandatory that all delinquent and current year taxes plus any interest, fees and penalty be paid in full in order for the land owner to redeem their property.
- D. After the redemption time period is up, the County will charge 10% redemption fee on the “net tax” or a minimum of \$100.00 which ever amount is greater of the two. This fee will be added to each property that was not redeemed during the redemption period.
- E. After the Motion for Default Judgement is filed with the Courts, a Penalty Charge based on 1% of the Assessed Value will be charged to the property owner in order to redeem said property.
- F. If necessary to effectuate any Default Judgment, the County will request a Court Order and Writ of Assistance for Sheriff Department’s removal of any occupants and/or personal property from any Tax-Deeded Land.
- G. Should any person give Notice and exercise the right to repurchase any Tax-Deeded Land pursuant to Code Sect. 3.04(6), the County will charge an additional fee of 2% of the Fair Market Value of that property. Such Notice will not stay any removal proceedings initiated through the Sheriff’s Department.

If there is no repurchase pursuant to Code Sect. 3.04(6), at the time of sale the County will charge a separate 2% processing fee of the Sale Price, Assessed Value, or Fair Market Value based on whichever amount is the highest of the three. This is in addition to the special assessments/charges, interest, penalty and any other expenses associated with said property (which may include an Appraisal cost if ordered).

Tax-Deeded Land will be advertised and sold either at public auction or sealed bids.

- H. Other than as provided herein, interest and penalty will no longer be charged to the properties after the Default Judgment is entered in favor of Crawford County and the properties are turned over for advertising and/or sealed bid; **and**,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Chapter 59 and Chapter 75 – Land Sold for Taxes, authorize the County to collect for all costs incurred in the acquisition and sale of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and approve the fees and guidelines as set forth herein as well as any and all other fees necessary to cover costs incurred by the County in the acquisition and sale of property as are authorized under Chapter 75 Wis. Stats.

Dated this 16TH day of June, 2026.

DELINQUENT TAX COMMITTEE:

Derek Flansburgh, Chairman
Mark Gilberts
Bruce Strnad

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2026.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta Fisher
County Clerk

Motion by Anderson, second by Koch to approve the Resolution Authorizing Fees in Proceedings in REM to Foreclose Tax Liens. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Motion by Krachey, second by Heilman to allow the Clerk to read the following resolution in title only. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

**RESOLUTION STATING THE OPPOSITION OF THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
TO THE PROPOSED MARIBELL 765 KILOVOLT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
PROJECT DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL, WILDLIFE, ECONOMIC, AND
COMMUNITY SENSITIVITY WITHIN THE DRIFTLESS AREA**

WHEREAS, Dairyland Power Cooperative, through the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), is proposing the construction of a 765-kilovolt electric transmission line extending from Marian, Minnesota to Bell Center, Wisconsin, commonly referred to as the MariBell Project, and identified as part of MISO Tranche 2.1; **and**,

WHEREAS, until September 2024, MISO Tranche 2.1 planning maps avoided the Driftless Area option for a more northerly route through the Xcel Energy territory. After years of planning otherwise, in just three months between September and December of 2024, a less direct route through the central Driftless Area was adopted and awarded without competitive bidding to a partnership of GridLiance and Dairyland Power Cooperative; **and**,

WHEREAS, the proposed MariBell Project route is intended to traverse areas in Crawford County, Wisconsin, including lands within and adjacent to the Townships of Freeman, Haney, and Seneca and the Village of Bell Center; **and**,

WHEREAS, Crawford County is located within the Driftless Area, a region characterized by steep and fragile topography, karst geology, cold water streams, productive agricultural lands,

extensive timber resources, and landscapes that are unusually sensitive to disturbance from large-scale linear infrastructure; **and**,

WHEREAS, the proposed project is in proximity to the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, including Pool 9 of the Mississippi River, an area of national ecological significance; **and**,

WHEREAS, Pool 9 and adjoining bluffslands provide critical habitat for nesting bald eagles and lie within a recognized tundra swan migration corridor, both of which are highly sensitive to habitat fragmentation, aerial obstructions, construction disturbance, and long-term landscape alteration; **and**,

WHEREAS, transmission lines of the 765-kilovolt class require wide permanent easements, tall structures, and ongoing vegetation management that result in substantial ground disturbance and may adversely affect wildlife behavior, nesting success, migratory patterns, and the ecological integrity of protected and sensitive areas; **and**,

WHEREAS, the construction and permanent presence of a 765-kilovolt transmission line may result in measurable reductions in property values for affected and adjacent landowners due to visual intrusion, limitations on land use within easements, loss of privacy and rural character, and perceived safety risks; **and**,

WHEREAS, reductions in assessed property values or changes in land classification associated with the proposed transmission corridor may lead to long-term loss of property tax revenue for Crawford County, shifting the tax burden to other residents and constraining the County's ability to fund essential local services and infrastructure; **and**,

WHEREAS, the proposed MariBell Project would require permanent clearing and perpetual maintenance of a broad transmission right-of-way, resulting in the irreversible loss of productive timberland, forest habitat, and associated ecological, economic, and carbon-sequestration benefits, **and**,

WHEREAS, the scenic bluff lands, river corridors, forested landscapes, and undeveloped rural character of the Driftless Area are essential to tourism, outdoor recreation, and associated local business activity, and the introduction of large-scale transmission infrastructure may substantially diminish tourism appeal and result in long-term economic losses to the County and surrounding region; **and**,

WHEREAS, residents, landowners, and the electorate of Crawford County have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative environmental, agricultural, economic, scenic, and property-related impacts associated with the proposed MariBell Project; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to represent the interests, welfare, and expressed concerns of the County electorate and to communicate those concerns to state regulatory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the electorate of the county, formally states its opposition to the proposed MariBell 765-kilavolt transmission project as currently proposed, due to the exceptional sensitivity of the

Driftless Area and the unacceptable potential impacts on wildlife habitat, natural resources, agricultural, and timber lands, property values, county tax base, tourism revenues, and overall community character;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin give careful and deliberate consideration of the Driftless Area, the presence of the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and the formal concerns of affected local governments and residents during its review of the MariBell Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of Crawford County and transmitted to:

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- Dairyland Power Cooperative
- Any other state or regional agencies involved in the review of the MariBell Project

Submitted this 9th day of June, 2026.

LAND CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

Gary Koch, Chairman
Mary Kuhn
Al Thompson

Kate Krachey
Russ Gillitzer

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2026.

Tom Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:
Roberta A. Fisher
County Clerk

Motion by Koch, second by Kuhn to approve the Resolution Stating the Opposition of the County of Crawford to the Proposed Maribell 765 kV Electric Transmission Project Due to Environmental, Wildlife, Economic, and Community Sensitivity Within the Driftless Area. The motion carried unanimously.

Gionne Collins, Property Lister, explained to the county board today that the Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 18-Subdivision and Platting of the Crawford County Code of Ordinances is a significant revision to an outdated ordinance. Most noteworthy, is that anyone selling a piece of property in a township, 15 acres or less, is required to have a certified survey map done. Townships will be more involved.

Motion by Koch, second by Heilman to allow the Clerk to read the following Ordinance in title only. The motion carried, and the clerk read the following ordinance in title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 266-2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE
CHAPTER 18 - SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING OF THE
CRAWFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

Whereas Chapter 18 of Crawford County's Code of Ordinances is outdated and requires significant revision; and

Whereas the Crawford County Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee has reviewed the proposed updates; and

Whereas the County Board finds it necessary and in the public interest to repeal and recreate the chapter in its entirety.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors hereby repeals Chapter 18 of the County Code of Ordinances in its entirety and recreates Chapter 18 as the attached Ordinance.

Be it Further Resolved that the recreated Chapter 18 shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2026.

Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee:

Gary Koch	Kate Krachey
Mary C. Kuhn	Al Thompson
Russell Gillitzer	

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2026.

Thomas G. Cornford
County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Roberta A. Fisher
County Clerk

Published this	day of June, 2026
Effective this	day of June, 2026

Motion by Koch, second by Anderson to adopt the Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 18-Subdivision and Platting of the Crawford County Code of Ordinances. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Under committee reports, Mary Kuhn, Ag & Extension, reported the Fair is only two months away. Please volunteer. Two new county board members were appointed to the Ag & Extension Committee, Al Thompson and Brian Reynolds.

Kyle Kozelka, Highway Commissioner, gave an update from the Highway Department on recent purchases of outfitted equipment for two trucks. The County is in the process of purchasing an additional 1.8 acres for a newly consolidated highway shop. When evaluating the site layout, the DNR requested additional space for retention bases. Kozelka informed that the funds to purchase this additional acreage of approximately \$50,000 will be coming from the Highway Department's fund balance.

Supervisor Kuhn informed Kyle that the Superintendent of North Crawford School District is concerned about runoff and traffic with the new location of the consolidated highway shop. Kozelka assured the county board that it is his intention for good communication with the new neighbors.

Brad Steiner, Personnel Chairman, informed that the Health & Human Services Department has two openings currently for a Social Worker and a Therapist.

Gari Lorenz, Public Safety Chairman, announced that they have 5 qualified applicants for Traffic Deputy position.

Marc Myhre, Emergency Management, presented the Crawford County Emergency Management Operations Plan for the upcoming County Line Country Fest, scheduled for July 30th – August 1st in the Town of Bridgeport. This plan is required as part of the large assembly license for the event.

County Employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service were recognized today.

40 years of service: Gerry Krachey

35 years of service: Deanna Smith

30 years of service: John McCullick, Linda Redman

25 years of service: Scott Hurda, Roberta Fisher

20 years of service: Phil Baumgartner, Teresa Beers, James Rider

15 years of service: Greg Russell

10 years of service: Shannon Frazier, Lindsay Wilkinson, Heather McLimans, Angela Martin, Lisa Kennicker, Christopher Reynolds, Lance Liedtke

5 years of service: Kelly Gardner, Linda Munson, Dylan Mallat, David Fishler, Jacob Schneider, Justin Oswald, Rosarie Dull

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Russell, second by Jerrett 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 June 16th, 2026.

Roberta A. Fisher, Crawford County Clerk