

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING FOUR – YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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WHEREAS, the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the County Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today’s Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS, PA 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the scope and duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century to include challenges of: road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS, the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

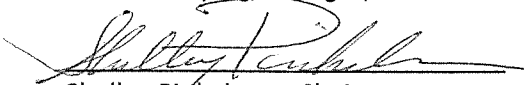
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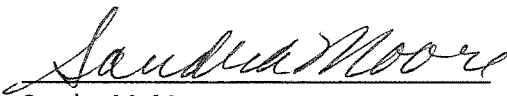
Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner McClain	Yes
Commissioner Priebe	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Yes
Commissioner Pinkelman	Absent	Commissioner Jansen	Yes
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE: May 27, 2021

I, Sandra Moore, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on May 27, 2021.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 27th day of May, 2021.


Shelley Pinkelman, Chair
Crawford County Board of Commissioners


Sandra M. Moore
Clerk/ROD