

**MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Harrison, Michigan 48625
April 1, 2015

Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioner Donald David, Commissioner Jim Gelios, Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, Commissioner Dale Majewski, Commissioner Samantha Pitchford and Commissioner Leonard Strouse.

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: Marlene McGlashen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to amend the Board of Commissioner minutes of March 4, 2015 to correct the wage amount for the District Court Magistrate from \$58,363.68 to \$57,000.00. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

- Bay County Resolution #2015-55: A resolution urging state legislators to consider requiring vaccinations in all school children unless there is a legitimate medical waiver.
- Clare County Dispatch flier commemorating 9-1-1 telecommunications week on April 17, 2015.
- Crime Victims' Rights flier acknowledging April 19-25, 2015 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
- Region VII Area Agency on Aging Invitation to their Annual Meeting Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Riverwalk in Gladwin. RSVP (800) 858-1637.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to concur with Bay County and support their Resolution #2015-55 urging state legislators to consider requiring vaccinations for all school children unless there is a legitimate medical waiver. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tom Krchmar, Redding Township Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss Equalization issues. He identified some issues that Redding Township has been having with the department and issuance of tax bills and he indicated that this has transpired for several years. This will be further addressed in a separate meeting. Mr. Krchmar also expressed his concern about the overall method of coming up with land appraisals.

Karen Willing, District Court Magistrate appeared once again before the Board to address her request for a wage increase. She presented her facts and stated that she believes that mistakes have been made and that she was deserving of a raise. She stated that she is being told to wait until budget time when others were provided a raise mid-budget year. She called for fairness.

JUSTICE

Undersheriff Miedzianowski appeared to discuss the Weighmaster Service Contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Weighmaster Services between the City of Clare, County of Clare and the Clare County Sheriff Department to begin on April 1, 2015 for no more than 2 hours per week during this year's frost law season. Motion carried with one opposed being Commissioner Strouse.

JUSTICE-CONTINUED

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to approve the purchase of a FLIR thermal imager in the amount of \$5,692.80 with funds to be moved from contingency into the Sheriff's Department budget with contingency to be reimbursed upon receipt of grants funds from Region 6 Homeland Security this year and approve budget adjustment #15-81. Motion carried.

Undersheriff Miedzianowski discussed the equipment and the value it would add to the department. He responded to questions about the use of the equipment and the capabilities indicating that in most cases search warrants would be required. Further discussion followed relevant to state budget cuts and news that money originally earmarked for mandated service training would be cut (\$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00) while still requiring the training.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Number MOU 15-18002 between the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services and Clare County to define the roles and responsibilities of the parties in providing financial support for the DHS sub-account county child care fund services in Clare County. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-NONE

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Kolander, Director of Clare County Parks & Recreation Department appeared before the Board to present the Clare County Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Board and to publically thank Lori Ware for her efforts and help.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to adopt Resolution #15-10 approving the Clare County Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015 – 2020 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Clare County. Motion carried.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Majewski, Lipovsky, David, Pitchford, Gelios, Kleinhardt and Strouse

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted.

Don Kolander then detailed up-coming events in the community that he is partnering with other group on. Events include:

- April 18, Paula Pirnstill Health Fair
- April 19, Northern Tradition
- May hiking and backpack day at Jay's Sporting Goods
- June 6, Harrison fishing derby partner with Harrison Chamber and Jay's Sporting Goods
- June 20, 2nd Annual Triathlon, partnering with several agencies including DNR
- July, (no date set), a free kid's fun day at Jays
- September 19, A Gateway Affair and Clare Chamber of Commerce who will be hosting a wine walk
- October 31, Halloween Party at Lions Building partnering with Lions Club
- October 31, Trunk and Treat at the City Park, partnering with Harrison Chamber & City of Harrison
- Kids bike run in Farwell to coincide with Lumberjack Days

There was a brief discussion regarding the airport lease agreements. Several felt that the ten-year lease request was too long. With several new members on the Airport Board, it was referred back to the Airport Board at this time for discussion and recommendation.

REMONUMENTATION

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the 2015 Clare County Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Clare County in the amount of \$49,856.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the Contract Agreement between the Clare County Board of Commissioners and Lapham Associates for Remonumentation Services with cost not to exceed \$39,961.00 and Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the request made by Paul Lapham and reappoint the same Remonumentation Peer Review Group members Larry L. Cavanagh, Jerry L. Jones and William B. Ruddell, indefinitely, with Board to be apprised if any changes are required. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015 in the amount of \$133,819.04. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve Budget Adjustment #15-79 and #15-80 to correct shortfalls throughout several budgets in the amount of \$54,445.00 and \$3,120.00 respectively. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pamela Mayfield reported that Bill Scott had been appointed to the Board of County Canvassers to fill the seat left vacant by Dave Prawdzik with term to expire October 31, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzing reported that by mid-April all taxing authorities should have their delinquent settlement payout. In addition, the final tax deadline for the year has come and gone and foreclosures are down this year by eighteen properties. She also noted that she had received the money from the Tax Anticipation Note and reported that she and the County Clerk have been working with their respective computer companies to automate transfer of documents between offices and provide automated indexing and data entry eliminating the task for over 1200 documents.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Chairperson Kleinhardt reported that legislation has been introduced to raise the speed limit on rural interstate highways to 80 mph. At the same time, he just read an article that stated that the blow-out rate of tires on commercial trucks increases significantly at speeds greater than 65 mph. As a long-time traffic safety manager he stated that for years traffic fatalities have been declining but he indicated that roads with varying speed limits like this will cause the fatalities to go up.
- Vice-Chair Majewski reported that he invited the Redding Township Supervisor, Tom Krchmar, to attend the meeting after hearing several times that they had issues with the Equalization Department.
- Commissioner David indicated that he had a regular meeting conflict with Parks & Recreation and his Mental Health Meeting; one starts before the other ends. He suggested that this might be better assigned to another Board member.
- Commissioner Lipovsky reported that the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership awarded the 2015 Hometown Health Hero Award to Tom Pirnstill recognizing him as an individual who works tirelessly to maintain and improve the health of the local community.

Board Recessed at 11:10 a.m.
Board Reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to accept the committee recommendations and award the HVAC project to Answer Heating and Cooling Inc., Freeland Michigan in an amount of \$110,130.00 and award the controls project to Control Net of Warren Michigan in an amount of \$164,800.00. Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2 with the two opposed being Commissioner David and Commissioner Strouse.

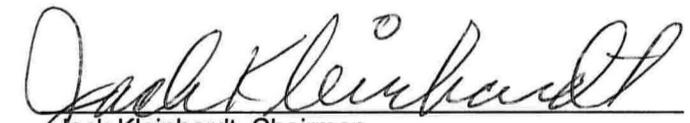
Commissioner Donald David was opposed to the idea and provided handouts along with his well-researched case and testimonials from several individuals working in the field with the Tridium Building Maintenance System. He questioned "buying a Cadillac when a Ford would do." He was unable to persuade a majority and was outnumbered by other members who gave credit to the Building Committee for their hard work completed on the project.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



 Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
 Clare County Board of Commissioners



 Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
 Clare County Board of Commissioners