

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

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Harrison, Michigan 48625
July 1, 2015

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present Commissioners: District 1: Dale Majewski, District 2: Samantha Pitchford, District 3: Leonard Strouse, District 4: Jack Kleinhardt, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: District 5: Donald David

Others Present, Signing In: Craig Derror

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Ware, Director of Senior Services and Community Development, reported on a decision she had made recently to order two new HVAC units for over the 9-1-1 Center at a cost of \$15,000.00 from Climate Control. She felt it was an emergency in order to prevent the computers and equipment from overheating causing them to malfunction.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Leonard Strouse to approve the purchase of two new HVAC units at a cost of \$15,000.00 to Climate Control with payment to come from the 9-1-1 fund. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

- Midland Area Community Foundation-Introducing New Program Officer, Melissa Kesterson
- Passenger Train Petition – Residents of Gladwin
- City of Clare – Combined Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

Discussions followed regarding the petition for a passenger train to service the general area.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard distributed a copy of the budget. Supporting documentation would be forth-coming. She also gave a copy to Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger requesting assistance with the review. Administrator Byard asked for approval to turn over a matter regarding an outstanding tower invoice to the county attorney.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Karen Lipovsky, to turn the outstanding invoice over to the county attorney to negotiate a payoff agreement for the tower of up to \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Linda Kaufmann, Executive Director for Community Mental Health of Central Michigan (CMHCM) and Craig Derror Program Director for Clare and Gladwin counties appeared before the Board to present the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Ms. Kaufmann reported that the agency is a six county mental health authority serving Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, and Osceola counties and is represented by two members, Commissioner Donald David and Joe Phillips. In her report Ms. Kaufmann noted: Clare County contributes \$139,000 to the agency, there has been no budget increase since 1990, last fiscal year over \$8.7 million was spent, 88% of revenue came from Medicaid and over 9000 individuals were served with almost 1200 from Clare County. Ms. Kaufmann informed the Board about different types of mental health services and treatment options. She concluded by thanking the Board for their support through the years as she will be retiring at the end of September.

Craig Derror reported that CMHCM moved to their new facility the first week of June with an open house to take place in July. He reported that Clare County has provided the most integrated health services where licensed social workers are being utilized in their offices, providing consultation with physicians and short term interventions. He noted that last year, Mid-Michigan Health expanded their contract because of past success with the program and this year, Mid-Michigan Health will again ask for an additional contract to provide assessments and interventions with trauma work. Discussions continued regarding increases in the need for Mental Health Services.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION CONTINUED

Terry Nichols, District Manager for Northern Oaks Landfill and Steve Esling, Governmental Regulatory Compliance Manager appeared before the board to discuss the Clinton County Resolution for export of Clare County trash to Clinton County. Before this could happen, Clare County would first need to open the Solid Waste Plan to permit the export. They indicated that it would be at a disadvantage to Clare County and Hayes Township because they are paid a fee from waste that is collected at Northern Oaks. Mr. Esling went on to say that he was quite familiar with Clare County's Solid Waste Plan as he was on the committee in 1998 and 1999 when the plan was being updated. He stated, at that time, Clare County only allowed for export of waste to two other counties, Bay and Crawford. Mr. Esling indicated that when other counties ask Clare County to export solid waste, it can only happen if Clare County amends the current solid waste plan to allow the exportation.

Chairman Jack Kleinhardt inquired what prompted the interest to export to counties other than Bay and Crawford. Mr. Esling responded that an existing waste hauler is expanding their service area further north. Discussions continued on this topic including possible amendments to Part 115 of Michigan's Solid Waste Management Act, and changes in the requirements for recycling.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Dale Majewski, to deny the Clinton County request for exportation of waste and keep the current Solid Waste Plan as is. Motion carried.

Commissioner Majewski asked to get a schedule of where and when the recycle bins are in the county each month. Administrator Byard will follow up with Northern Oaks.

Recess at 9:53 a.m. and back in session at 10:04 a.m.

JUSTICE

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to allow the Sheriff Department to renew the agreement between Clare County and Garfield Township for additional patrol services. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2015 Annual Implementation Plan. Motion carried.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NONE

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes June 23, 2015 in the amount of \$117,947.40. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve Budget Adjustment #15-135, 15-136, 15- 139, 15-140, 15-143 and 15-146 in the amount of \$1,287.50, \$7,200 00, \$ 15,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$1,500.00 and \$34,371.00 respectively. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Jim Gelios, to approve the application from Robotic Welded Parts for abatement of personal property tax in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 198. Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pamela Mayfield distributed new hire slips and reported that the county received just under \$20,000.00 (\$19,942.40) in start-up money for the Remonumentation Program. It was delayed this year due to some changes to the Remonumentation Program. These changes have summoned the coordinators to some training sessions offered throughout the state with Clerk Mayfield attended a session in Lansing. She also reported receiving information on Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and attended a tri-county collaborative meeting in Gladwin. Next collaborative meeting is set for August 27th in Gladwin for anyone interested in attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger distributed the Long Term Debt Schedule reflecting the recent payoffs of the boiler and roof loans. The copier lease will go up and she will update the report to show what will be owed over the life time of the lease. The Ford Motor Credit Company will go to a zero balance when the final payment is made in August. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger stated there are only four more years left to pay on the Building Authority Bond and there are a few years left to pay on the Brownfield Redevelopment Loan at which time the loan may need to be renegotiated. She explained that the Vested Employee Benefits Fund is accrued sick and vacation time for employees as of the end of the fiscal year. Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger stated the list and book are available for purchase for the Land Tax Sale on August 14. Letters will be sent out to adjacent property owners to make them aware of the Land Tax Sale. Additionally, Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger announced Clare County, City of Harrison, received a grant for blight elimination. Community Development Director Lori Ware was on hand to discuss the application process and grant award. Two hundred thousand dollars will be received by the City of Harrison for this project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Chairperson Kleinhardt read a letter he received from City of Clare acknowledging, with thanks and gratitude, to Lori Ware for her wealth of knowledge in helping the City of Clare acquire grant funding for numerous projects promoting economic and community development.
- Commissioner Gelios commented on the report provided by IT noting that over 25% of complaints were directly related to printer issues with new copiers. He also noted that he has attended several meetings with Region 7B and is concerned over the splitting of the region indicating that the smaller counties will lose their voice.
- Commissioner Lipovsky attended township meetings and indicated that the Summerfield Township meeting was a very different meeting as they addressed cemetery issues and concerns. She also reported that she attended the Board of Health meeting and stated that Dr. Jennifer Morse, a graduate of Harrison High School, had been chosen to replace Dr. Robert Graham as medical director for Central Michigan Community Health, starting July 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Pamela Mayfield briefly discussed no reason absentee voting and requested support from commissioners as they speak with other legislators. Additionally, Jim Gelios took a moment to mention that Clare County is at risk of losing Kathy Methner, a supporter and great advocate for the county, as the dynamics of Region 7B are being reconfigured.

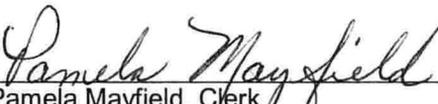
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Tracy Byard discussed the cost to get telephone service to the elevators. She provided the proposal presented by Clear Rate, basically an extension of the current phone service contract with an increased amount for elevator phone coverage. Commissioner Majewski requested additional time to review the contact setting it aside until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A very brief overview of the budget took place. Administrator Tracy Byard projected that 2016 anticipated revenues will fall significantly short of anticipated 2016 expenditures. She indicated that she has removed all increases including wage increase requests, capital equipment requests and all other equipment requests. She noted that the expenses still exceed the revenue. Further detailed discussions will continue with the up-coming special budget workshops planned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



 Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
 Clare County Board of Commissioners



 Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
 Clare County Board of Commissioners