

**MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

Harrison, Michigan 48625
July 8, 2015

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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 5: Donald David, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: District 2: Samantha Pitchford

Others Present, Signing In: None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The meeting began by Administrator Tracy Byard referring everyone to the last page of the budget presented. She identified a -\$268,165.00 which is the difference between the anticipated revenues and anticipated expenses. It was revealed during discussion that revenue coming from the liability carrier had not been incorporated into the budget appropriately and this would change the bottom line reducing the deficit. She noted that she had already removed all pay increase requests, all equipment requests and all capital budget item requests. She then called attention to page 19 which contained a list of those items that had been requested that she had pulled from the budget that were not included in the bottom line.

Discussion followed on getting a "true" expectation of revenue. Byard provided an estimate of \$11.2M while Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger was a bit more conservative at \$11.1M. Commissioner Majewski inquired about the request for an \$11.3M / \$11.5M budget if the county would be anticipating less and it was commented that potentially a request could be made for all departments to take a percentage cut with further comment indicating that this would not be feasible in all areas. Byard noted that she had included \$150,000.00 in building and grounds and \$50,000.00 in the contingency line items. Parks and Recreation was discussed and the connection between them and Friends of Parks and Recreation.

The Treasurer inquired if there had been any confirmation on revenue sharing noting that at this time last year the state had provided that figure to counties. She suggested a shortfall of approximately \$600,000.00

Discussion was on-going as the Board continued to review figures. Administrator Byard specified a list of items to be further reviewed and adjusted to confirm a solid figure for the budget:

- Review of Sheriff Department wages not yet confirmed
- Vehicles requests (\$109,000) for the Sheriff's Department
- Adjust figures for anticipated
- Firm cost of the HVAC Project as needs have changed
- Discussion with Prosecutor on current revenue figures that appear to fall short for 2015 impacting ending fund balance

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a road patrol millage. This will be further reviewed by the Sheriff with recommendation to come back to the Board.

Other things considered and discussed:

- Restructuring within the county
- Tech Services
- Unfunded MERS liability
- Jail Inmate count and state prison reopening, potential impact to county
- One meeting a month
- Airport costs
- Middle Michigan cost / benefits
- H.A.E.D.C.O.
- Collaborative efforts with other counties
- \$900,000.00 Wish list

Recess at: 11:10 a.m.

Reconvened at: 11:20 a.m.

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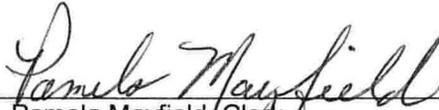
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It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Donald David to allow the Administrator and Treasurer to review budgets and make adjustments necessary to help get a true picture of the existing budget. Motion carried.

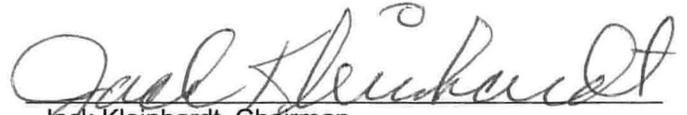
PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-NONE

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners