

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625
July 23, 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: None

Others Present, Signing In: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the agenda with changes as noted below. Motion carried.

Add: Under New Business – Letter of Intent between County of Clare and various Unions allowing donation of sick time.

Discussion began with needs relevant to the 9-1-1 center and Information Technology. It was noted that the center had an immediate need for personnel trained in specific systems and a need to respond. Since Information Technology personnel is under the supervision of two different department heads there is an inability of each to direct the work where needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, that Sheriff John Wilson would oversee all Information Technology personnel with a six month trial evaluation period. Motion carried with one opposed being Commissioner Karen Lipovsky.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Jim Gelios, reported that Hayes Township would like to share information technology staff. He stated that they would be willing to pay for the shared services. Additionally he noted that Hayes Township is not happy with Waste Management as their waste hauler. There was not a lot of detail regarding the problems except they noted that trash was not being picked-up as per the schedule. They are in negotiations with other trash haulers some of which would be hauling waste out of the county that would continue to reduce the revenue to the county.

Relevant to the desire of some to share information technology personnel, it was asked if discussions were taking place on this matter. While Administrator Byard indicated that she knew little on the matter, Clerk Mayfield reported that there were indications from an email sent from the Hayes Township Clerk that Clare County IT was working for them and that Clare County IT could help with their computer matters. This email went out to all Clerks of the county.

2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Budget discussions began and after a few comments it was determined that it would be best to discuss a potential bond request. Discussion continued addressing pros and cons of moving forward with the request and for how much and what projects would be done. As discussion continued, infrastructure needs were reviewed. Payback of the borrowed money would be approximately \$125,000.00 - \$175,000 per year as determined by amount borrowed and payback terms. It was noted that in four years, an obligation of \$100,000 per year will be fulfilled freeing up that monetary commitment.

Sheriff Wilson reviewed items on his budget list identifying items that were truly needed and items that he felt that he could do without. He then exited the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to allow the County Treasurer to move forward and apply for a bond in an amount not to exceed \$1.5M with a 15 year obligation and instruct the County Clerk to publish the notice of intent.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (4) being Commissioners David, Lipovsky, Strouse and Kleinhardt

Nays: (3) Majewski, Gelios and Pitchford

Absent: (0)

Motion carried.

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Meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

Commissioners then reviewed the budget assessing needs and suggested cuts. Instructions were provided for the Administrator to recalculate the budget based on the current discussion and present an update at the special budget meeting scheduled for August 5th. Department appeals will not be held on August 5th and will be rescheduled for some future date.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve Budget Adjustment #15-151, #15-161, #15-162 and #15-163 in the amount of \$5,000.00, \$9,369.55, \$500.00 and \$24.92 respectively. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to adopt Resolution #15-15 to purchase Lot 33, Supervisors Plat of Bearly Addition in Section 8, Lincoln Township under the terms and provisions of Public Act 123 for the public purpose of road usage for and by the public.

Roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

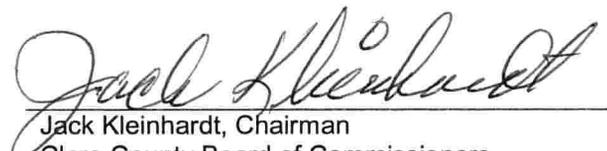
Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Letter of Intent between County of Clare and various Unions in the Sheriff's Department allowing the donation of sick time. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.


Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners


Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners