

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

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Harrison, Michigan 48625
August 19, 2015

Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jack Kleinhardt

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: Linda Hopkins, Robert Caillier, Ed Oberski, Rod Loomis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: Under Justice, Discussion regarding sale of a 2008 Crown Victoria
Add: Under Finance and Administration, reconsideration of a vote on FY 2016 Fund approvals
Add: Under Finance and Administration, Budget Adjustment #15-192
Add: Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2015, Special Budget Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2015, Closed Session Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

Clare-Gladwin RESD – Clare County Leadership Institute

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-NONE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dave Homan of Oakbridge Inn, a Veteran's shelter, explained to the Board that the facility is a drug free, alcohol free and weapons free homeless facility that transitions veterans back into their communities in which they came from. Referrals are received primarily from the Saginaw Veteran's District. Mr. Homan stated that currently five residents are housed at the facility. On average a stay at the facility would range thirty-seven to forty-two days but they are able to house guests up to six month. Mr. Homan went on to say that they will not be sending individuals into the community to be on their own. He indicated that they will be providing transportation to and from jobs, to anyone who is able to find work, and they will meet medical needs to and from the local VA facility and the Saginaw VA facility. With a capacity of sixty rooms there could be a potential for as many as two-hundred-forty guests but he indicated that this would not be likely. He also noted that this is a federally supported facility and individuals must be approved to stay. He went on to state that the facility does not meet the guidelines for housing females at this time.

Jim McBride, Kathy Methner and Rod Loomis appeared before the Board on behalf of Middle Michigan Development Corporation to discuss Middle Michigan and their accomplishment. The 2014 Annual Report was distributed highlighting the most recent achievements. They indicated that they work diligently to create an increased tax base for the counties that they represent. One of many projects MMDC was instrumental in was the securing of a \$2.4M grant for the new Clare Industrial Park North. Additional grant money was also received for the resurfacing of Colonville Road to help service the extra traffic and needs.

Robert Kelley and Ed Oberski came before the Board on behalf of Michigan Works and Region 7B to discuss PA7 and PA8. As they spoke it became clear that the smaller communities of the workgroup did not favor the combination of Region 7B into one group with large counties (Saginaw and Bay) and that they did not like the current proposal as initially presented. They indicated that it is believed that what is being proposed could possibly violate federal law and they are seeking additional information on the matter. Region 7B wishes to remain a part of Region 7B and opposes the combination. Until that time, meetings will continue to take place and information will be disseminated to the entities involved; no action was requested at this time. It was anticipated that there would be no disruption in services as they move forward to resolve the matters.

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JUSTICE

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to approve the Sheriff Department / Central Dispatch request to replace the current Westlawn tower grounding system at a cost of \$6095.63 from the existing 261 fund. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Sheriff Department / Central Dispatch request to add a control base to the 9-1-1 Center for the TAC2 repeater at the Westlawn Tower site in Harrison at a cost of not more than \$4999.65 from the 261 fund. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Sheriff Department request to purchase the Global Technologies / TAC.10 Interact Jail Management Software Program for the Corrections Division on an installment plan not to exceed seven years and \$79,477.50 from the existing 595 funds. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the Sheriff Department request to seek bids on a possible remedy for the lack of holding space in the immediate holding, booking and maximum security area of the jail with the review of a proposal at a later time. Motion carried

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Work Agreement / Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to approve the Sheriff Department request to sell a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAHP71V38X166632 at auction. Motion carried.

Recess at 10:32 a.m. and back in session at 10:43 a.m.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-NONE

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NONE

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes July 21, 2015* in the amount of \$117,947.40. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the expenditures for the month of August 4, 2015* in the amount of \$2,133,836.42 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,294,107.94. Motion carried.

*Agenda dates have been corrected.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to reconsider the August 5, 2015 vote on the Funds portion of the FY 2016 Budget. One in favor of reconsideration being Commissioner Jim Gelios. Motion was defeated.

Commissioner David provided an explanation and he indicated that he felt that it was necessary to discuss this further as he voted on some items that he should have had further clarification on. Additionally, he added that Commissioner Majewski abstained from a vote and based on Board rules no one is allowed to abstain unless approved by a majority of the Board and that was not done. Commissioner Gelios also raised concern about the vote stating that embedded in the funds are pay increases and he felt it had been decided to approve all wage increases at one time.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve Budget Adjustment #15-192 in the amount of \$8,900.00. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pamela Mayfield provided the distribution sheets showing newly hired employees. She also reported that both employees in the payroll / accounts payable department have commitments in October that will cause the office to be closed on October 9th. Additionally she inquired about a closing date for submission of invoices to accounts payable for FY2015. It was determined that last date to make payment for FY2015 expenses would be November 6th at 12:00 p.m. Anything submitted after that date would apply to the FY2016. Notification will be provided to staff via email with discussion at up-coming department head meetings for clear understanding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger distributed a copy of the annual report that she present on the penal fines collected by the courts and set aside for the library. In total \$183,233.23 has been collected and paid while an additional \$194,987.00 has been collected and held in escrow for Sheridan, Arthur, Franklin and Summerfield townships. Additionally the Treasurer noted that land sales from the foreclosures were at 74%, the largest since she had been involved with the sales. She stated that there were 93 parcels foreclosed on with 91 parcels available. Seventy-two were sold at the first sale with only 19 parcels to be sold at the second sale and that the second sale will be held on Monday, October 12th. She distributed a three year chart of foreclosures by township for informational purposes.

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COMMISSIONERS REPORTING

- Chairperson Jack Kleinhardt commented on the fact that Administrative Law and Administrative Rules are being passed and they can change the whole way that business is taking place without the laws being passed by the legislature. These are made by people that are not accountable or elected by the people and there is nothing that can be done about it.
- Vice-Chair Dale Majewski noted that he attended his meeting and the big talk is about golf carts on the roads. Townships are looking for enforcement of the laws but little is known about the law. Commissioner Majewski also asked if there have been any inquiries about the advertisement for use of the old health department facility. There have been no inquiries.
- Commissioner Jim Gelios again expressed his concern again with Michigan Works and Region 7B indicating that Clare County will lose some of the local strengths. He also noted that Hayes Township is targeting October 15th for opening their new facility.
- Commissioner Donald David inquired about the pick-up schedule for Waste Management. He indicated that they have not shown up at Sheridan Township three week in a row. Commissioner Gelios then stated that he has indicated that there are problems with Waste Management and their pick-up. He also noted that faucets are dripping and that all are pretty old and it should be replaced when considering facility improvements.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski to allow the finance committee to approve budget adjustments from September 1st through September 30th to finalize FY2015 items. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board heard from Linda Hopkins who suggested that it would be good to have evening meetings. Board briefly discussed this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Next budget meeting will be held September 2nd at 9:00 a.m. with budget appeals scheduled for September 9th at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.


Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners


Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
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