

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

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Harrison, Michigan 48625
August 13, 2014

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioner Jim Gelios, Commissioner Lynn Grim, Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, Commissioner Rick LaBoda, Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, Commissioner Dale Majewski, and Commissioner Leonard Strouse.

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: Michelle Stiglich, Vickie Buckley, Robert Buckley, Terry Acton, Sue Acton, Michelle Ambrozaitis, Janet Price, Anna McNeill (press), and Rosemary Horvath (press)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the agenda with additions as noted below. Motion carried.

Add: Under Finance, Budget Adjustments #14-145, #14-146, #14-147 and #14-148

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Stiglich, MSU Local 4-H Coordinator appeared before the Board to report. Initially she thanked the Board for funding her position at a three-quarter level and she then discussed the 4-H program and provided statistics proving 4-H as a valuable program for children and communities. To name just a few she stated that participants are:

- 50% more likely to achieve high academics
- Almost 2x as likely to attend college
- 40% more likely to pursue careers in science
- More than 2x as likely to exercise and be active
- 60% less likely to engage in risky, problem behavior
- 3x more likely to contribute to their communities
- 60% more likely to participate in science, engineering and technology programs

Chairperson LaBoda read a letter received by Commissioner Gelios from Road Commissioner Eddy Garver resigning his position as of Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Brief discussion followed since little was known for the reasoning except hearsay and rumors.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST:

Clare County Community Development- Application to USDA for Funding

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard distributed the Budgetary Status Report and reported that revenues are up \$716,160.00 compared with this same period last year and noted that expenditures are also up \$466,495.00. She also announced a need to change the interview dates for the District 5 Commissioner vacancy. It was decided that the date would be set for September 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

JUSTICE

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to approve the request for Animal Control to hire part-time maintenance / kennel help. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

October 1, mental health and substance abuse are merging. At the present time Chairperson LaBoda serves on that committee and a replacement is needed with his upcoming resignation. Chairperson LaBoda appointed C/Strouse and alternate C/Kleinhardt.

Also the recent appointment of C/Gelios made to the Department of Health and Human Service Board needs to be changed as they need a voting member and a Commissioner cannot vote. A replacement will be sought.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NONE

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2014 in the amount of \$81,712.47 and August 5, 2014 in the amount of \$90,985.66. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the expenditures for the month of July 2014 in the amount of \$1,680,996.46 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$936,397.02. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to approve Budget Adjustments #14-138, #14-143 and #14-144 and added Budget Adjustments #14-145, #14-146, #14-147 and #1 and #14-148 in the amounts of \$1,023.00, \$40,080.00, 22,106.02 and added amounts \$60,000, \$1,376.00, \$2,020.00 and \$2,000.00 respectively. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pamela Mayfield reported that election night was a long night. Voter turnout was low. The counts were all good and so it was likely that there were a number of new election inspectors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler was away at conference but Clerk Mayfield spoke on her behalf concerning a special switch needed by the office. Clerk Mayfield noted that she had a conversation with the Treasurer prior to the meeting and was informed that a switch approved for the 2015FY budget was needed immediately. She stated that she had been informed that computers are going down and that it is happening on a daily basis and impacts different computers on different days. The switch should alleviate the problem.

It was moved by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski to purchase the switch immediately. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- C/Majewski reported that he attended his meetings and noted Lincoln Township has received several grants, one to improve handicap accessibility and the other for cameras for the fire department. Grants received totaled around \$15,000.00
- All Commissioners thanked Chairperson LaBoda for the service he provided during his tenure. C/Strouse then thanked the public and the press for their participation noting that it is important to be open and transparent. He then noted that he looked forward to working with C/Majewski as the new chairperson noting that he has shown great fiscal responsibility.
- C/Grim reported that there is a need to raise 50,000 nickels to buy 50,000 disposable diapers for Clare County babies. The challenge was made by Pastor Connie Bongard of Farwell.

Meeting Recessed: 9:42 a.m.
Meeting Reconvened: 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson LaBoda declared the Public Hearing officially opened at 10:00 a.m.

Administrator Byard noted that there would be some minor changes made to the Budget Resolution. Specifically she called attention to page ten indicating that "D" would be omitted, "E" on that same page "expenditures exceeding revenues" would be reviewed and corrected and on page eleven, "D" there would be a date change from 2008 to something more current.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An individual from the audience requested permission to speak and she noted and questioned several things. She indicated that it is hard for the public to hear in the back of the room. Additionally she questioned information on agendas and minutes and if they were made available to the public in which the answer was "yes".

Public Hearing was officially closed by Chairperson LaBoda.

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to adopt Resolution #14-12, Resolution Approving and Adopting the County General Appropriations Act for FY2015.

Roll call vote revealed:
Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Grim, Lipovsky, Strouse, Gelios, Kleinhardt, Majewski and LaBoda
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Resolution adopted

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to adopt Resolution #14-13, Establishing FY2015 Compensation.

Roll call vote revealed:
Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Grim, Lipovsky, Majewski, Strouse, Kleinhardt, Gelios and LaBoda
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Resolution adopted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Tracy Byard reported that meetings had been held with the Unions to discuss the optional health insurance, Consumers Mutual Medical Insurance and she is now being informed that it is not an option, it must be Blue Cross / Blue Shield or Consumers Mutual. Another meeting will be required to inform the Union employees of this required change.

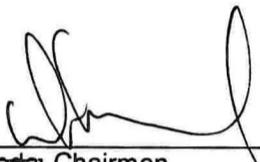
It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to rescind the motion of August 4, 2014 that would have added Consumers Mutual Medical Insurance as an optional choice for the medical insurance to employees. Motion to rescind, carried.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

Meeting adjourned at 10:20



Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Rick LaBoda, Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners