

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625
September 2, 2014

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the agenda with changes so noted below.

Add: Under Unfinished Business – Intergovernmental Agreement for 9-1-1

Add: Under Unfinished Business – Discussion regarding Health Care Insurance

Remove: Under Unfinished Business – Security Discussion

Remove: Administrator's Report, Clerk's Report, Treasurer's Report and Commissioner Reports

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

With the resignation of Chairperson Rick LaBoda that took effect August 31, 2014, question arose relevant for to the need to elect a Chairperson. C/Jack Kleinhardt indicated that C/Dale Majewski was initially elected Vice-Chair and that Roberts Rules, which the Board has adopted, indicates a Vice-Chair oversee proceedings in the absence of a Chairperson. With only four month left until a new Board Chair would be elected, it was determined that C/Dale Majewski would then chair future meetings.

It was then moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to nominate Jack Kleinhardt as Vice-Chair.

Chairperson Majewski called for further nomination from the floor, three in total, and hearing none other, nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast for Jack Kleinhardt for the Vice-Chair position.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A brief discussion took place regarding a proposed contract distributed at the meeting between Clare County and City of Clare relevant to the proposed 9-1-1 substation in the City of Clare. C/Lipovsky suggested delaying any vote at the time because it was the first anyone had seen the proposal. The County attorney had reviewed the contract and recommended various things concerning indemnification. A counter proposed was drafted by City of Clare attorney, Jayne Hoerauf. Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski indicated he was not in agreement with terms proposed by county attorney and City Manager Ken Hibl suggested that the proposal submitted by Attorney Jayne Hoerauf be adopted. Various comments followed. C/Lynn Grim suggested that county liability carrier, MMRMA, should have been consulted. A suggestion was then made about the two attorneys taking up the discussion together.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, and seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve and sign the agreement between City of Clare and Clare County relevant to the 9-1-1 substation in City of Clare drafted by attorney Jayne Hoerauf contingent upon approval by MMRMA. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Appointment interviews to fill the 5th District Commission seat vacancy created by the resignation of C/Rick LaBoda then took place. The appointment would be to fill the position vacancy until December 31, 2014. Two applicants applied and appointments were set. Each applicant was questioned accordingly in round-robin manner by preset questions. Likewise, each was given the opportunity to ask questions: **9:15 a.m. Ronald J. Vasich and 9:45 a.m. Donald David.**

It was later moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, to appoint Donald David to fill the District 5 vacancy until December 31, 2014. Motion carried

JUSTICE

Sheriff John Wilson and Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski then requested approval to enter into another contract with Garfield Township for additional patrol in that area. They reported to the Board that there had been an initial contract for up to \$6,000.00 of services to have an office in the area. Garfield Township was please and desired to enter into an extended contract for coverage up to \$30,000.00 until June 30, 2015. C/Karen Lipovsky asked if that included a vehicle and it was unclear but both Sheriff and Undersheriff indicated that this has the potential to turn into a contract similar to Lincoln Township and City of Harrison contracts.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to enter into another law enforcement contract with Garfield Township in an amount of \$30,000.00, effective with signing of contract through June 30, 2015, with Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

It was later moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to reconsider the Garfield Township law enforcement contract, changing the amount of the contract to read \$24,000.00, effective with signing of contract through June 30, 2015, with Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to amend the agenda to discuss a vehicle acquisition for Community Development, Building and Electrical Department. Motion carried.

Lori Ware, Director of Community Development spoke with Commissioners about a need to acquire a new vehicle for the Building and Electrical Department. She indicated that the present pick-up truck is old and in need of repairs. She indicated that she had found a used Malibu with low mileage for \$12,778.00 at McGuire's Chevrolet. Some concern was expressed about purchasing a car as opposed to a truck.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to proceed with the purchase of a used Malibu and also proceed with auction and sale of the 2003 Ford pick-up. Motion carried.

Meeting Recess at 10:10 a.m.
Meeting Reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Appointment interviews to fill the Road Commission vacancy created by the resignation of Road Commissioner Eddy Garver then took place. The appointment would be to fill his remaining term of office, until December 31, 2016. Eight candidates applied; four applicants were questioned and had the opportunity to ask questions prior to lunch recess: **10:15 a.m. Rick Craven, 10:45 a.m. Julie Lightfoot, 11:15 a.m. Rod Williams and 11:45 a.m. Dennis Gargin.**

Meeting Recess at 12:10 p.m.
Meeting Reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

Four additional candidates were scheduled for the afternoon session. Board heard from three candidates responding to the same set of question and answered questions asked of them: **1:15 Don Kolander, 1:45 p.m. Mark Lightfoot and 2:15 p.m. Mark Fitzpatrick.** The fourth candidate, **2:45 p.m. Owen Malson** withdrew his name that day.

It was later moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to appoint Julie Lightfoot to fill the Road Commission vacancy until December 31, 2016. Motion carried with Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt abstaining from the vote and Commissioner Lynn Grim absent at time of the vote.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

It was moved by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to approve the 20-year lease agreement between Harrison Community Schools and Clare County for the Veterans Freedom Park with lease expiring December 31, 2032.

Discussion followed. Two years into the program, the lease agreement is just being presented. The lease calls for restrooms, heated blocks, running water and facility maintenance with responsibilities placed on the county that was not ever presented. It was not indicated that it would be a Clare County project. It was questioned if money should be earmarked for maintenance with investments into the overall project lowered. Veteran's Affairs Director Renee Haley was not available to respond.

With questions to be answered C/Kleinhardt rescinded his motion, followed by C/Grim.

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to appoint Debra Hoyt to the Department of Health and Human Services Board for a three-year term with term to expire October 31, 2017.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NONE

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014 in the amount of \$81,394.53. Motion carried.

C/Lipovsky noted that a change would be necessary to the minutes as neither C/Kleinhardt nor C/Strouse were at the meeting. She noted that the motion made by C/Kleinhardt needs to be changed to read C/Lipovsky. Chairperson Majewski appointed C/Strouse to the Statutory Finance Committee and himself as an alternate appointee.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION-continued

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve Budget Adjustments #14-150, #14-153, #14-155, #14-156 and #14-157. #14-158 and #14-162 in the amounts of \$5,062.48, \$3,600.00, \$13,860.18, \$4,054.37, \$33,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$4,850.00 respectively. Motion carried.

C/Grim was excused from the meeting as she had a previous appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Tracy Byard provided information for thought relevant to the NORESKO energy audit. She indicated that there was a letter of intent with many cross-outs, changes etc. as it had been reviewed by both the Clare County attorney and the Noresco attorney. Administrator Byard indicated that she was not looking for an immediate decision rather the information is being presented for review for future discussion. There continues to be concern with who would monitor the entire project over the years. C/Kleinhardt raised some questions relevant to the Building Authority and what their role was in all of this. This will be reviewed further.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, to approve the Annual Work Plan and Agreement for FY2015 for Extension Services between MSUE and Clare County. Motion carried.

Administrator Byard noted that the three-quarter time position will not begin until January 2015. She reported that the shared position with Gladwin County is at jeopardy as Gladwin has no money in the budget for this and may opt to eliminate the position entirely. Additionally she stated that the part-time position here in Clare County will be picked-up as a full time position with MSU Extension providing the additional money for this and the insurance benefits.

C/Gelios requested additional information on processes and procedures relevant to dog complaints. He requested that this be reviewed for further discussion at the next meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to stay with Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the county medical insurance carrier. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to go into CLOSED SESSION to discuss Union negotiations.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Lipovsky, Strouse, Kleinhardt, Gelios and Majewski.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Grim

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION BEGINS: at 2:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ENDS: at 3:07 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.



Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Dale Majewski, Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners