

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

*Approved
10/20/2021*
~~Unapproved minutes~~
September 15, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our active military, veterans and first responders.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

District 1 Dale Majewski, District 2 Samantha Pitchford, District 3 Rick Fancon, District 5 Sandra Bristol, District 6 Bronwyn Asplund, and District 7 Jeff Haskell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 4 Stephanie Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Prosecutor Michelle Ambrozaitis, Sheriff John Wilson, Tom Pirnstill – Clare County Transit, Diane Alward-Biery - Clare County Cleaver, and zoom participants.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Asplund, to approve the agenda. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Asplund, Pitchford, Fancon, Bristol, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Asplund to approve the Board of Commissioners Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of July 28, 2021 and General Board Meeting of August 18, 2021. Chairman Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Asplund, Pitchford, Fancon, Bristol, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Pirnstill from the Clare County Transit presented the Board of Commissioners with a 40th Anniversary plaque from the Michigan Public Transportation Association (MPTA). He stated that he and the MPTA appreciated the Board and County's support over the years. The 40th Anniversary celebration will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at the Clare County Transit building from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, with a brief ceremony at 1:00 pm.

Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis stated that checks for multiple restitution parties had been sent to one individual in error and wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. She also disagreed with the Boards' prior decision regarding not allowing grant funded contract employees to collect premium pay. Chairman Haskell agreed. A motion was brought forth.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - continued

It was moved by Chairperson Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Asplund to allow Mark Webb and Dale Huegel, two grant funded contract positions, to be paid premium pay. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Haskell, Asplund, Majewski, Pitchford, Fancon, and Bristol

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Special Tribute to Sheryl Engel

It was moved by Commissioner Fancon, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to adopt Resolution #21-09 in special tribute to Sheryl Engel for her years of service and dedication to Clare County. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Fancon, Majewski, Pitchford, Bristol, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Justice Committee

1. Oil Burner Purchase

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the purchase of an oil burner in the amount of \$7,385.00, to remain in compliance with the Department Environmental Quality, to be purchased from existing funds and cost to be shared between the Courthouse and Grounds, Sheriff's Department, Animal Control and the Senior Services/Community Development. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Bristol, Pitchford, Fancon, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR – continued

A. Justice Committee - continued

2. Medical Examiners Contract Renewal

It was moved by Commissioner Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Bristol to renew the contract with the Mid Michigan Medical Examiners Group and Paul Wagner, D.O. for a period of four years and allow Chair to sign. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Pitchford, Bristol, Majewski, Fancon, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

B. Health and Human Services Committee

1. Michigan Veterans Affairs Grant

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Asplund to approve the agreement between the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (State) and Clare County for the CVSF Grant in the amount of \$65,445.00 and allow Chair to sign. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Bristol, Asplund, Majewski, Pitchford, Fancon, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

2. Senior Services Van Purchase Request

It was moved by Commissioner Asplund, seconded by Commissioner Bristol to allow Senior Services to purchase vans in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 with funds to come from the Senior Services Fund, as long as money is available in the fund balance. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Asplund, Bristol, Majewski, Pitchford, Fancon, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

C. Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee

1. Gray Lake Level Resolution

It was moved by Commissioner Fancon, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to adopt Resolution #21-13 allowing the cost for the maintenance and improvement of Gray Lake in which funds will be borne by assessing the Gray Lake Special Assessment District. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion and requested an explanation of the resolution. Commissioner Majewski provided a brief explanation, and then roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Fancon, Majewski, Pitchford, Bristol, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR – continued

C. Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee - continued

2. Doc & Tom Lake Level Resolution

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Bristol to adopt Resolution #21-12 allowing the cost for the maintenance and improvement of Doc & Tom Lake in which funds will be borne by assessing the Doc & Tom Lake Special Assessment District. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Bristol, Pitchford, Fancon, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

D. Finance and Administration Committee

1. Statutory Finance Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve statutory finance committee meeting minutes of August 23, 2021 in the amount of \$135,641.81 and September 8, 2021 minutes in the amount of \$141,679.28, the payment to MACC in the amount of \$100 and Delta Hotels Muskegon Convention Center in the amount of \$195.50. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Pitchford, Bristol, Majewski, Fancon, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

2. Monthly Expenditures

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the expenditures for the month of August 2021 in the amount of \$2,569,521.36 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$880,190.63. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Bristol, Majewski, Pitchford, Fancon, Asplund and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

3. Board of Canvassers

It was moved by Commissioner Asplund, seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to appoint Elizabeth Kindermann to the Clare County Board of Canvassers to a four-year term from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2025. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Asplund, Pitchford, Majewski, Fancon, Bristol, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Brown

Motion carried

CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler reported that her office is busy wrapping up month end business and preparing for fiscal year end.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REPORT

The Prosecutor's office has not received any applications for neither the open attorney position nor for the open secretarial position. She is hopeful that she may have better luck after the bar exam. The director of Bethany Law is stepping down; resumes for the position are currently being accepted.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Wilson reported that Officer Paisley will be done at the end of the week. A few new individuals will be starting soon. The new snow pusher has been ordered.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Haskell reported that his meetings have not happened for the month yet. He noted that the local Health Department has mobile teams that will now go out to a group/location and perform rapid tests as well as vaccines. The rest area between Harrison and Clare performs COVID tests as well.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairperson Majewski reported that he attended his meetings.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Fancon gave no report.

Commissioner Pitchford gave no report.

Commissioner Bristol stated that her townships were doing well and hazard mitigation is also going well. She also noted that the Airport Board is coming along and making progress.

Commissioner Asplund stated that her townships were doing well. She reported that some have received COVID funds and are working on their budgets and how to appropriately allocate those funds.

STATE OF COUNTY BUDGET

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 am



Stacy B. Peckacek, Chief Deputy Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jeff Haskell, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners