

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

*Approved
10/22/2021*
~~Unapproved minutes
September 22, 2021~~

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

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

District 1 Dale Majewski, District 5 Sandra Bristol, District 6 Bronwyn Asplund and District 7 Jeff Haskell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 3 Rickie Fancon, District 2 Samantha Pitchford and District 4 Stephanie Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Martin Clerk & Register of Deeds, Tracy Byard Administrator, Dawn Raupp, Friend of the Court Jamie Raymond, Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis, 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: (4) being Commissioners Majewski, Asplund, Bristol, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (3) being Commissioners Fancon, Pitchford, and Brown

Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2022 BUDGET APPEALS

Honorable Judge Farrell, District Court
Judge Farrell set forth his appeal for a \$5,000.00 raise for the Clare County Magistrate and emailed out the pay scale being used.

Michelle Ambrozaitis Prosecuting Attorney
Prosecutor Ambrozaitis set forth her appeal for a \$4,300.00 raise for the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Jamie Raymond Friend of the Court
Ms. Raymond set forth her appeal for an additional secretary pointing out that if the expenditure (secretary position) isn't approved the revenue lines will go down as a result so those line items will have to be adjusted along with additional revenues for additional space that she is asking for. If both the additional secretary and additional space are not approved the revenue will go down. There is a formula used to figure out the revenue based on the expenditures.

The Board will review breakdown of different scenarios from Ms. Raymond and make a decision at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT/CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Justice Committee

None

B. Health and Human Services

None

C. Physical Recourses

None

D. Finance and Administration

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve budget adjustments 21-188, 21-191, 21-192, 21-193 and 21-194 in the amounts of \$2,900.00, \$457.35, \$2,500.00, \$415.93 and \$1,060,000.00 to be distributed. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (4) being Commissioners Bristol, Majewski, Asplund, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (3) being Commissioners Fancon, Pitchford, and Brown

Motion carried

2022 BUDGET APPEALS - continued

Chairperson Haskell indicated he believes the Board should honor the handshake agreement the Judges made with the Magistrate and approve the raise.

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Asplund to approve to give the Magistrate a \$5,000.00 raise per Judge Farrell's recommendation. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, Commissioner Majewski indicated the Board does not have a choice because the Court sets the wage, and Administrator Byard confirmed that while the Court sets the wage the Board sets the Court budget, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (4) being Commissioners Bristol, Asplund, Majewski, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (3) being Commissioners Fancon, Pitchford, and Brown

Motion carried

Chairperson Haskell indicated that he believes the non-union people have been looked aside and have not gotten much of anything. He also believes the non-union employees should get the same raise the union employees get.

Commissioner Majewski believes the Board should wait to give any more raises until negotiations are complete with the Sheriff's Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Asplund, seconded by Chairperson Haskell to approve the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney a \$2,000.00 raise in salary. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, various points on budgeting and pay scales were discussed, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (4) being Commissioners Asplund, Haskell, and Bristol

Nays: (1) being Commissioner Majewski

Absent: (3) being Commissioners Fancon, Pitchford, and Brown

Motion carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Toaz, Circuit and Probate Court Administrator indicated that other courts that have juvenile referees, such as him, receive a reimbursement from the Michigan Child Care Fund, which could be 20% of his salary and he will look into that.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 a.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jeff Haskell, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners