

**AGENDA**  
**September 11, 2019**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**CLARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**The mission of Clare County government is to provide quality services among competing demands for limited resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible to the citizens and patrons of Clare County government.**

**1. Call to Order**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

**Approval of Agenda**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Board of Commissioners Minutes for August 21, 2019**

**Pages 3-4**

**4. General Public Comment (Limited to Three Minutes per Speaker)**

**5. Public Hearings/Special Presentation**

**2019 BUDGET Appeals**

**a. General Budgetary Overview/ Comments**

9:15 a.m. Don Kolander- Parks & Rec.

9:30 a.m. James McBryde- MMDC

10:00 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Loan request to USDA Rural Development**

**Motion:** To allow a loan request to USDA Rural Development for the purchase and renovation of a dining center/ commercial kitchen to accommodate the increasing demand of senior meals for Clare County Senior Services.

**Motion By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Carried**

**Failed**

**2. Grant request to USDA Rural Development**

**Motion:** To allow a grant request to USDA Rural Development for the purchase of a handicap accessible van for non-emergency medical transportation thru Clare County Senior Services.

**Motion By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Carried**

**Failed**

**6. Committee Reports/Consent Calendar**

- A. Justice Committee**
- B. Health and Human Services Committee**
- D. Finance and Administration Committee**

**1. Replace Employee - Clerk**

**Motion:** To allow the Clerk/ Register of Deeds to replace a retiring employee.

<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>Failed</b>
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**7. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to three minutes per speaker)**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 10:15 a.m. Closed Session- Union Negotiations**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Unapproved minutes  
August 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

District 1 Dale Majewski, District 3 Leonard Strouse, District 4 Jack Kleinhardt,  
District 5 Mark Fitzpatrick, District 6 David Hoefling, and District 7 Jeff Haskell.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

District 2 Samantha Pitchford – Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sheriff John Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis, Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger, Emergency Manager Jerry Becker, Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski, Pam O’Laughlin Middle Michigan Development Corporation, and Veterans Director Karl Hauser

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to approve the agenda. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pam O’Laughlin from Middle Michigan Development Corporation gave an overview of the investment dollars at work for Clare County and confirmed the economic development to a community is essential for growth, and asked for the Board of Commissioner’s support of Middle Michigan Development Corporation for the upcoming budget year.

**2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- a. General Budgetary Overview/Comments  
Current FY 2020 is still -\$80,058.00 and are looking at additional costs of \$60,000.00 for Computer upgrades, \$160,000.00 for generator for Sheriff’s Dept. and \$95,000.00 elections. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger provided the Board of Commissioners with a packet that outlined millages for all counties (obtained from State of Michigan), which showed Clare County collecting a very low millage compared to other surrounding counties.

The 2019 budget is expected to end at -\$250,000.00, which will come out of the fund balance.

Administrator Byard took a poll from employees on who would retire early if the County paid health insurance for 1 year. Only one person responded that they would consider that option.

Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger reminded and cautioned the Board of Commissioners that they rely on funds from the inmates, delinquent tax funds, tax reversion fund and revenue sharing. This money will not always be there and the Board needs to prepare for that money not being available.

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**2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION - continued**

Sheriff Wilson questioned how the County ended up \$250,000.00 over budget. Administrator Byard confirmed revenue decreased. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger pointed out again that the county is a non-profit and revenues are flat, they don't change much, but expenses do increase, and that is why she cautioned them against relying on inmate and tax funds.

Prosecuting Attorney Ambrozaitis suggested cutting the retained council budget, by statute the Prosecuting Attorney is the County's Attorney. Commissioner Hoefling asked for a closed session meeting to review the attorney invoicing.

Chairperson Kleinhardt asked department heads to cut travel budgets.

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to increasing the projected jail revenue by \$135,000.00 and add in \$100,000.00 from healthcare. That would bring the FY 2020 budget to zero and also add back in \$95,000.00 for the Clerk's Election budget and \$59,000.00 to the computer upgrades.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Haskell, Hoefling, Fitzpatrick, Strouse, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (1) Commissioner Majewski

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

**Motion for carried**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Lori Martin, Clerk  
Clare County Board of Commissioners

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Jack Kleinhardt, Chairperson  
Clare County Board of Commissioners