

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

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Unapproved Minutes
August 8, 2018
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Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioners: District 1: Dale Majewski, District 2: Samantha Pitchford, District 3: Leonard Strouse, District 4: Jack Kleinhardt, District 5: Sandra Bristol, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: David Hoefling

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Bristol, to approve the agenda. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Commissioner Bristol apologized for talking out of turn at times during board meetings and not following the rules all the time, and the Board Members accepted her apology. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

I.T. Discussion

Administrator Byard informed the Board Members that there was a committee of herself, Nick Loomis, John Wilson, and Lori Phelps, that interviewed a gentleman that is a local resident, and would accept the pay offered and has knowledge of the Sheriff's Department LEIN system.

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the hiring of the individual interviewed as the new I.T. Director full time at \$50,000.00 per year. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Commissioner Strouse wondered how they could vote without knowing the identity of the individual, Administrator Byard didn't want to disclose the name until approved because his current employer didn't know he was looking for other employment. Clerk/Register of Deeds asked if he was questioned on his knowledge on elections and software used in the Register of Deeds, Director Loomis stated they didn't ask him. Motion carried.

Jennifer Martin, 44 North Health Insurance Renewal

Jennifer Martin and Cherokee Nelson from 44 North Health Insurance gave a presentation on the 4 different medical plan options, which are a result of the 14% increase on insurance costs this year. Along with medical care they reviewed dental and vision options.

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve to opt into PA152 by hard cap. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. There was discussion regarding the option to opt out of hard cap and whether or not to opt out of blue cross blue shield. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve adding option 2 and 3 to the medical plan. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

There was discussion about MDLive, Dental and Vision and why the County doesn't offer 100% coverage for preventative care on dental plan,

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to add the buy up plan to the dental plan where employees pay the premium difference. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

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Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to change from Blue Cross to VSP Direct for premium savings and frame allowance Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve to be compliant with ACA we are adding on a new plan for part time employees with no HRA (minimum value plan). Hearing none motion carried.

The County is required to offer health care to part time employees who work over 30 hours per week. This way a specific plan can be offered to them without adding them to the County's main plan.

Recess: 9:59 a.m.
Back in Session 10:10 a.m.

Leonard and Sandy amended their motion
Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve to be compliant with ACA we are adding a new plan for a division for any eligible part time employees with no HRA (minimum value plan). Hearing none motion carried.

2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION
General Budgetary Overview/ Comments

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve \$83,000.00 to be taken out of the fund balance and put into the I.T. budget for the Information and Technology items requested (for 2019 budget year). Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Administrator Byard stated these are items that must be purchased.

Roll call vote revealed:
Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Strouse, Pitchford, Gelios, Majewski, Bristol, Kleinhardt, and Lipovsky
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried

Additional items including wage increases or new employees, and miscellaneous equipment, no motions made, discussion only.

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to allow the Sheriff's Department to commit to continue the current lease for 2020 budget year and increase to 10 patrol cars. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Trade in current cars to get credit on future funding. Admin cars (6-7) need to be replaced and are not part of the lease program. Since last lease they have purchased 2 used K-9 cars outside of lease program. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR
Finance and Administration Committee

Budget Adjustments
Moved by Commissioner Majewski and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve Budget Adjustments as listed respectfully to be distributed. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

#18-151, 18-155, 18-158, 18-162, 18-163 & 18-164 in the amounts of \$692.00, \$25,659.12, \$81,624.79, \$13,395.00, \$2,302.38, and \$171,827.00.

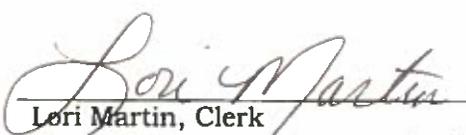
PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next Special Budget Meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.


Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners


Karen Lipovsky, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners