

MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Am 1/16/19
Unapproved Minutes
December 19, 2018

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: Robert and Vickie Buckley, Pat Adams, Marty Johnson, David Hoefling Clare County Commissioner District 6 elect, Jim McBryde Middle Michigan Development Corporation, Pam O'Laughlin Middle Michigan Development Corporation and Michigan Works, Lisa Ashley Recovery Court, and Eilisia Schwarz Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Majewski, to approve the agenda. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski, to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2018 meeting. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Johnson thanked the commissioners that are not returning next year and commended them on their hard work and dedication.

Lisa Ashley gave an update on Clare-Gladwin Recovery Court, currently have 34 participants, their first Veteran for the Veterans program, had 12 graduates last year and collected \$23,000.00 in fines and costs from them for the County. Ms. Ashley is applying for a federal grant that would help increase their participation to over 60 participants.

Pam O'Laughlin Clare County Director of Middle Michigan Corporation and Jim McBryde President of Middle Michigan Corporation thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of Middle Michigan and updated the Board of Commissioners on a 1.25-million-dollar grant awarded to Clare Gladwin School District for the Marshall Plan (1 of 9 that were selected out of over 80 applicants).

Don Kolander thanked Commissioner Gelios, Lipovsky, and Bristol for their support of Parks and Recreation over the years and gave an update on rails to trails and a golf disc course at Mid-Michigan College.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

Livingston County – Support House Bill 4986
Cheboygan County – Opposes SB 1031

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard gave an update on the Morgue Authority and asked to present recognition resolutions ahead of the agenda schedule for Jim Gelios, Karen Lipovsky, and Sandra Bristol along with service pins and presented Jim Gelios with a 15-year service pin and Karen Lipovsky with a 20-year service pin.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to pass Resolution #18-21 honoring Karen Lipovsky for her service as Clare County Commissioner. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Kleinhardt, Pitchford, Majewski, Strouse, Gelios and Bristol.

Nays: (0)

Abstained (1) being Commissioner Lipovsky

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Moved by Commissioner Lipovsky and Seconded by Commissioner Gelios to pass Resolution #18-23 honoring Sandra Bristol for her service as Clare County Commissioner. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Lipovsky, Gelios, Majewski, Pitchford, Kleinhardt, and Strouse.

Nays: (0)

Abstained (1) being Commissioner Bristol

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to pass Resolution #18-22 honoring Jim Gelios for his service as Clare County Commissioner. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Bristol, Strouse, Majewski, Kleinhardt, Pitchford, Lipovsky, and Gelios.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Lori Phelps gave a report on Senior Services and how Jim Gelios, Jack Kleinhardt, and Karen Lipovsky were instrumental in the creation of Senior Services 10 years ago.

Director Phelps asked for a 1.5% incentive for her staff which are hired under millage funded and grant funded programs, her employees are not union employees. The Union Employees received a 1.5% increase and they are getting another 1.5% raise next year, and she would like to give her staff a 1.5% incentive (not a wage increase). She has a large problem keeping staff at the wages she pays them. Because they are not union they do not get the 1.5% increase. This would be a onetime 1.5% incentive totaling \$9,200.00 and would come from her budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Bristol, to approve Senior Services to give a onetime lump sum of 1.5% incentive to all non-union employees. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lisa Kaspriak, Medical Examiner Office – End of Year Updates

The Medical Examiner's Office have been serving Clare County for a little over 4 years now. While the cases are down the complexity of cases are up, which is why the number of autopsy's have increased over the past year. They have increased their staff hours. Clare County made the top of the list for Counties in Michigan recognized for opioid surveillance. The life expectancy for Americans has went down for the second year in a row.

Steve Hall, Health Department and Dr. Jennifer Morse – Syringe Services Program

Dr. Morse discussed the Syringe Service Program and the large increase of injected use of drugs. They are seeing an increase in Hepatitis C and HIV, Clare County has been ranked 87th out of 220 for being at risk of HIV and Hepatitis C. Mid Michigan Health is starting this program of collecting used syringes and providing new syringes to individuals in an effort to stop the spread of these diseases. In addition to the syringes they are providing gauze, bandages, antibiotic ointments, other paraphernalia they may need, where if they shared it they would share blood. They would instruct them on how to use it safely and test them for HIV and Hepatitis C if they are willing.

Recess at 10:10 a.m.

Back in Session at 10:21 a.m.

Michelle Neff – MSUE, Results of Youth Needs Assessment

Ms. Neff has been a youth activist for 17 years with YAC (Youth Action Council). YAC surveyed 541 youth from around Clare County. In the survey students said some things they would change was drugs,

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION - continued

bullying in school, food for everyone (support), jobs for teens, more kindness, and demolish social media because of negativity. There was great discussion regarding drug use in our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

Justice Committee

Probate Judge Salary

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol seconded by Commissioner Gelios, to approve Clare County pay 100% of the Probate Judge's salary starting January 1, 2019. Gladwin County will forward its Judge's supplemental salary to Clare County. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion, Nick Madaj was present to provide explanation for the need to make this change and confirmed that Gladwin County would be willing to pay their portion in advance, motion carried.

Health and Human Services Committee

Appointments for Soldiers Relief Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski, to appoint Wesley Parish and Pete Spitzley to a term on the Soldiers Relief Committee with the term expiring December 31, 2023. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee

None

Finance and Administration Committee

Statutory Finance Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 19, 2018 in the amount of \$105,665.31 and December 4, 2018 in the amount of \$64,039.42. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Monthly Expenditures

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the expenditures for the month of November 2018 in the amount of \$2,380,641.46 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,181,367.36. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve Budget Adjustment #19-14 and #19-15 in the amount of \$66,361.01 and \$28,436.00 to be distributed. Hearing none motion carried.

Finance Meeting Dates

It was moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Majewski, to approve the Finance meeting dates as presented with dates consistent with the off week of payroll beginning at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

CLERK/REGISTER OF DEED'S REPORT

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin reported that there is a new online concealed pistol license renewal option and there is a link on her website. Clerk/Register Martin is trying to start a program to go out into the community, starting with the Senior Meal Sites, to help give senior citizens access to their public records such as deeds, mortgage discharges, and trust documents. Clerk/Register Martin recognizes that it may be difficult for some senior citizens to make it to the county to check on these things.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler spoke about the need to get the tax anticipation note earlier than expected, the County has made the first payment on the drain interest loan payment, the swamp land tax came in, most of the December Board of Review is have been turned into her office, and her office will be open for lunch beginning January 2, 2019.

VICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Vice Chairperson Kleinhardt thanked Commissioner's Bristol, Gelios, and Lipovsky for their service.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Strouse thanked the Board for their friendship.

Commissioner Pitchford wished best of luck to Commissioners Bristol, Gelios and Lipovsky.

Commissioner Majewski also has enjoyed the friendship of the board members.

Commissioner Bristol has been attending her township meetings and gave a report from each of her townships and committees. She was glad that some of her committees asked her to stay on. It has been a pleasure working with everyone

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COMMISSIONER REPORT - continued

Commissioner Gelios has enjoyed working with this board and believes they have made good progress for Clare County.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Lipovsky has been a Commissioner for 20 years and worked with 25 different Commissioners. She has enjoyed her 20 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

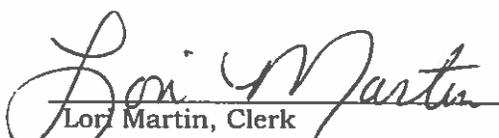
UNFINISHED BUSINES

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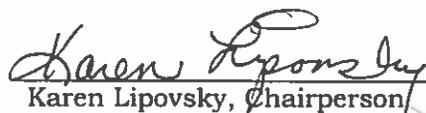
NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Karen Lipovsky, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners