

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

fw 9/18/19
Unapproved minutes
August 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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

Robert and Viockie Buckley, Gene Wheeler, Jerry Becker EMHSD, Sandy Bristol, Kimberly Davis, Liz Bouchey, John Obermesik, Sara Miceli-Sorenson and Pam O'Laughlin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the Board of Commissioners Minutes for July 17, 2019. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the Board of Commissioners Special Budget Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2019. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Haskell to approve the Board of Commissioners Closed Session Minutes for July 23, 2019. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to approve the Board of Commissioners Special Budget Minutes for July 30, 2019. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Coral Beth Rowley of MSUE for Clare/Gladwin Counties, presented to the board the many activities she has been holding in both counties such as afterschool program with the teens, cooking class, council on aging, and teaching a class "Be Healthy Be Active" for adults.

Tonya Nutt of Greenwood Township asked the Board of Commissioners to save the Animal Shelter and not cut their employees.

Sandra Bristol gave a Gypsy Moth update on behalf of the Conservation District. They are working on a count and having a meeting tonight. Conservation District will be at the Street Fair and are taking orders on their fall tree sale.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Continued

Cid Jones was here to plead with the Board not to cut the Animal Control position down to half time, the Animal Shelter and employees are vital to this community.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

No discussion

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. John Obermesik and Sara Miceli-Sorenson – CMHCM (Community Mental Health Central Michigan), presentation/ update
John Obermesik, Executive Director handed out the annual report. 9,835 Clare County residents are served with priority needs over 6 counties. Sara Miceli-Sorenson, Clare/Gladwin County Program Director gave an update the Youth Intervention Specialist position the programs they offer. They were able to screen 119 children for mental health issues this year. They are partnering with Clare/Gladwin RESD in creating a second specialist for Clare/Gladwin Counties. Baby Court is a court for children birth – 3 years old facing parental termination and they try to get those young children placed as quickly as possible. Ms. Miceli-Sorenson went on to discuss the large list of additional services CMHCM provides.

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve resolution to express opposition to termination of state contract with the lakeshore regional entity. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Haskell, Strouse, Majewski, Fitzpatrick, Hoefling, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion for Resolution carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Justice Committee

1. Updated/ Revised 2019 Clare County EAG Basic Plan

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the updated/revised (Public Facing) 2019 Clare County EAG Basic plan. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR - Continued

A. Justice Committee

2. Mid-Michigan College

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the previously approved Mid-Michigan College Liaison position via the 327 fund and contract. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Commissioner Strouse asked for explanation of the Undersheriff for funding. Undersheriff Miedzianowski explained the position is mostly funded by the College, but the county will pay half the wage, which is around \$34,000.00, and they can make it work internally. Chairperson Kleinhardt confirmed he would like to see first responders in the community.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Hoefling, Haskell, Fitzpatrick, Strouse, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion carried

3. Detective Position

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the vacant Detective position and Deputy position created by a promotion. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Hoefling, Strouse, Haskell, Fitzpatrick, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion carried

4. Road Patrol Lieutenant Position

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the vacant Road Lieutenant position and any vacancies created from the promotional process. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Commissioner Majewski stated there needs to be discussion regarding the wages of the Sheriff's Department, the county keeps losing employees because of wages.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Haskell, Majewski, Hoefling, Fitzpatrick, Strouse, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion carried

B. Health and Human Services Committee

1. Appoint Signer

It was moved by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Strouse to appoint Lori Phelps as the authorized signer on the purchase of a building for the Clare kitchen and senior center. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Commissioner Haskell asked the purpose Lori Phelps has to be the sole signer and believes we should have checks and balances, Director Phelps was unavailable to answer questions and motion was tabled at 9:59 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR - Continued

C. Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee

No Report

D. Finance and Administration Committee

1. Statutory Finance Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 15, 2019 in the amount of \$192,117.42, July 29, 2019 in the amount of \$34,827.34 and August 12, 2019 in the amount of \$94,812.84. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

2. Monthly Expenditures

It was moved by Commissioner Hoefling, seconded by Commissioner Haskell to approve the expenditures for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$1,885,140.36 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,000,948.97. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

3. Budget Adjustments

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Budget Adjustment #19-139, 19-142, 19-143, 19-145, 19-148 and 19-149 in the amount of \$13,705.36, \$71,710.00, \$25,243.80, \$26,003.55, \$8,913.21 and \$615.07 to be distributed. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

4. Meal and Room Rates

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Haskell to change the County Policy to increase room rates by \$20.00 and meal rates by \$5.00 each. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, it was discussed that costs are increasing and county employees are struggling to stay within the guidelines as they are currently set, motion carried.

5. Non- Union Personnel Manual

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to incorporate the following language into the Non- Union Personnel Manual:

In the event an employee is off on an approved Family Medical Leave Act and has or will be expiring his/her accrued leave, including sick leave; a voluntary donation of employee sick leave will be approved that would continue the affected (receiving) employee to receive compensation while off duty subject to the following:

- a. Employees may donate banked sick leave to all non-union and union employees. Such employee donated sick leave will be converted to the receiving employee's hourly rate of pay and donations may continue through the period of time that receiving employee remains off under the FMLA.
- b. Any employee who terminates employment from Clare County within the subsequent 90 days may not apply any of their donated leave time. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Administrator Byard gave explanation, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

D. Finance and Administration Committee

6. Fidlar Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the Clerk/Register of Deeds to enter into a contracts for the purchase of Fidlar licensed computer software for the purpose of indexing and imaging documents electronically and Avid Hosting Contract (Bastion). Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Clerk/Register of Deeds Martin explained this is a change in Register of Deeds/Vital Records software, motion carried.

7. Letters of Understanding

It was moved by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to approve allow employees of the Clare County UAW Units 1,2,3,4, and 5, COAM Command Unit, POAM Dispatch, and Corrections (and any other Union and /or nonunion) that provides for a donated sick leave bank for Christina Chartier who will be out of Family Medical Leave Act for the birth of her child. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS REPORT

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin notified the Board of Commissioners that there were only two items filed for the November 2019 Election, Arthur Township Operating Millage and Farwell School Bonding Proposal. Clerk/Register of Deeds Martin also updated the Board on the position of Michigan Association of Counties has changed its recommendation and now supports the County Clerks request of the Trial Court Funding Commission to revise the recommendation to move circuit court clerks from the county clerk's office to court employees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler gave an update on the land sale, they sold 70% of properties. The July Board of Review tax adjustment are being finished up. The State of Michigan just sent in the principal residence exemption denials to her office.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Jack Kleinhardt discussed the MAC report in the packet, legislatures are struggling with their funding.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Majewski attended his meetings.

Commissioner Strouse missed Sheridan and Grant but was able to make it to the City of Clare.

Commissioner Haskell asked Clerk Martin regarding the loss of Township Clerk's in the County, and the impact that may have on the upcoming 2020 Elections. Clerk Martin discussed the different training opportunities that are available to Clerks regarding elections.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick attended his meetings and commented that he wished the public would become more involved in Township meetings to fully understand the issues and why decisions are made the way they are. Commissioner Fitzpatrick encourages everyone to attend meetings.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - continued

Commissioner Hoefling attended his meetings. Greenwood Township will have recycle day on September 7, 2019. Lilly Lake Board has been having public hearings regarding expanding special assessment districts, attended the MAC conference along with Secretary of State Benson, took a re-districting 101 class and re-districting will not affect the county, he asked some vendors to contact the Administrator to give presentations on cost savings. Arthur Township is still looking at their cemetery issue. Please try to attend the Harrison Street Fair.

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Health and Human Services Committee

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10:25 a.m. motion was brought back up for discussion/vote. Administrator Byard read a text she received from Director Phelps stating that the approval was only for small documents in connection with the purchase of the property. The Board Chairperson is still the one that must sign the closing documents. This would be for lead base paint disclosure and such documents. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Collins lives on Mostetler Road addressed the Board regarding the Road Commission. Ms. Collins pointed out the many conflicts of interest and nepotism that goes on with the Road Commission. Also asked where this Board is at in dismantling the Road Commission. Commissioner Majewski the Board is moving forward with the process of taking over the Road Commission and this Board wants the Citizens of Clare County make this decision at the voting polls, expected to me August 2020.

Bill Simpson asked about adding commissioners to the Road Commission, Chairperson Kleinhardt commented that they would put that before the voters also.

Recess at 10:43 a.m.

Back in session 10:57 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Haskell to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve the attorney's recommendation and act as recommended.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (6) being Commissioners Majewski, Strouse, Haskell, Fitzpatrick, Hoefling, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion carried

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It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged information. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none motion carried.

Recess for closed session 10:58 a.m.
Back in session 12:02 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 a.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jack Kleinhardt, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners