

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Jan 9-11-19
~~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:

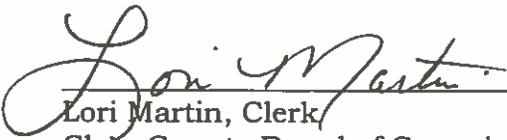
Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Haskell, Hoefling, Fitzpatrick, Strouse, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (1) Commissioner Majewski

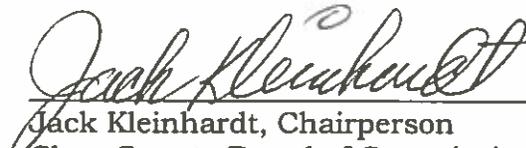
Absent: (1) Vice Chairperson Pitchford

Motion for carried

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jack Kleinhardt, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners