

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

3/20/19 *Jm*  
~~Unapproved minutes~~  
March 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

District 1 Dale Majewski, District 2 Samantha Pitchford, District 3 Leonard Strouse, District 4 Jack Kleinhardt, District 5 Mark Fitzpatrick, and District 7 Jeff Haskell.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

District 6 David Hoefling

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Janet Price, Chief Deputy Treasurer

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Tax Anticipation Note

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to adopt Resolution #19-07 authorizing the county to Borrow \$1,500,000.00 in anticipation of collection of taxes, "Tax Anticipation Note" and approve all required parties to sign as specified. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Chairperson Kleinhardt asked when the county started borrowing this money, and wants to make a plan to discontinue borrowing each year, considerable discussion ensued,

Roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) being Commissioner Hoefling

**Motion for Resolutions carried**

2. MIDC Grant

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Vice Chairperson Pitchford to approve the grant between the State of Michigan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Clare County and to allow the chair to sign postdating to February 26, 2019. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Administrator Byard confirmed what MIDC is, motion carried.

Chairperson Kleinhardt announced Blue Cross and Blue Shield is a non-profit and pointed out that the CEO made \$19.2 million last year. That comment lead into a discussion regarding Michigan having the highest automobile insurance rates in the country. It was discussed that this is a problem to be resolved by our legislatures.

Administrator Byard updated the Board of Commissioners regarding inmate medical bills. If an inmate has State of Michigan Medicaide, the State of Michigan Medicaide always refuses to pay, and the county then has to pay for the inmate's medical bills. Administrator Byard is talking with 44North, and they have a plan that the County can purchase to cover the inmates during incarceration.

  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Commissioner Fitzpatrick questioned why the County is not collecting on the debt that inmates are billed, per day of incarceration, that was commented at a prior meeting that the "vast majority" does not pay that debt.

Chairperson Kleinhardt announced that the courthouse was unlocked again this past weekend. He asked for explanation of how the system works. Commissioner Majewski asked if the cleaning people can double check the doors when they leave. Administrator Byard indicated they can do that. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for the company the contract is with, Controlnet, to come before the board if it happens again. Administrator Byard indicated that an alarm goes off, when a key card was not used to open the door, and the alarm is sent to Administrator Byard, her secretary Dawn, the Building Inspector Dave Lipovsky, and the Sheriff's Department.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:24 a.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