

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Approved 5/20/2020
Unapproved minutes
April 24, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our active military, veterans and first responders.

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

Chief Deputy Clerk Stacy Pechacek and IT Director Jesse Bellinger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to approve the agenda. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Strouse asked who was listening via zoom, there were 55 participants. Chairperson Kleinhardt commented that they have always asked people to come to the meetings and thanked everyone for being interested and participating in the meeting.

FURLOUGH/LAYOFF DISCUSSION

There was discussion regarding voluntary furloughs and layoffs and what staff is needed for courts. Administrator Byard confirmed that if an employee was on furlough they would continue their health insurance, get underemployment or unemployment, and still accrue sick time and vacation time. She also confirmed there is no difference in the county costs between furlough and layoffs for the COVID-19 crisis. The difference comes in when the layoffs are permanent.

It was moved by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to allow voluntary layoffs or furloughs until stay at home order has expired. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, there was confirmation that the employees would still have to pay their own health insurance while on layoff or furlough, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Haskell, Majewski, Fitzpatrick, Pitchford, and Kleinhardt

Nays: (1) Commissioner Strouse

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

FURLOUGH/LAYOFF DISCUSSION – continued

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick that they take the recommendation from Karl in Veterans Affairs and layoff his secretary and reduce his hours to 30 per week. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

E911

Administrator Byard explained the next few motions as being necessary to rescind resolution #20-08 E911 because when her office prepared the agenda packet, the wrong resolution was put in the packet and therefore the Board did not have the correct resolution when voting, which is required and must re-vote on it. The other two resolutions were missing ballot language that is required to be on it therefore the Board must rescind and re-vote.

- a. It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to rescind the motion adopting Resolution #20-08 authorizing the election proposal for Clare County E911/Central Dispatch to increase the monthly surcharge rate and certifying the ballot language. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

- b. It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to approve Resolution #20-08 authorizing the election proposal for Clare County E911/Central Dispatch to increase the monthly surcharge rate and certifying the ballot language. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

ANIMAL CONTROL MILLAGE

- a. It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to rescind the motion adopting Resolution #20-11 that the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Clare on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in the state primary election: Clare County Millage for the Clare County Animal Control. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

ANIMAL CONTROL MILLAGE - continue

- b. It was moved by Vice Chairperson Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve Resolution #20-11, that the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Clare on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in the state primary election: Clare County Millage for the Clare County Animal Control. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

MSUE

- a. It was moved by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to rescind the motion adopting Resolution #20-09 that the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Clare on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in the state primary election: Clare County Millage for Michigan State University Extension Services 4-H. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

- b. It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Vice Chairperson Pitchford to approve Resolution #20-09, that the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Clare on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in the state primary election: Clare County Millage for Michigan State University Extension Services and 4-H. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (1) Commissioner Majewski

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried

2021 BUDGET CALENDAR

- a. It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to adopt the Clare County budget calendar for the 2021 budget. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Clerk/Register Martin asked that the August 4th and 5th dates be changed to August 11th and 12th because of the election, roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Hoefling

Motion carried


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Commissioner Hoefling joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Commissioner Haskell left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- b. It was moved by Vice Chairperson Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve budget adjustment #20-59 in the amount of \$235,000.00. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Haskell

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Veterans Director Karl Hauser updated the Board of Commissioners on the Service Fund Grant, they have two initiatives under way – Billboards and Bus Wraps. Commissioner Majewski commented that he appreciated him stepping forward to help with the budget, several other commissioners agreed.

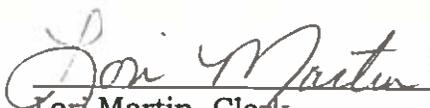
There were comments regarding cancelling the cleaning contract, replacing employees, unemployment costs, layoffs, and fund balance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Majewski suggested eliminating courthouse security except for bailiffs in the courtroom. There was a long discussion regarding what that would look like.

Commissioner Majewski asked Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger what the current budget figures are right now. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger stated it was hard to tell with the expenditures not being updated. She has made adjustments to the revenues.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jack Kleinhardt, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners