

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

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may 20, 2020
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Unapproved minutes
May 5, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Acton and Jesse Bellinger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Pitchford

Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Administrator Byard read a memo outlining ideas for budget cuts and handed out figures with the current savings from furloughed employees and the list of 10% cuts for each department.

Commissioner Strouse asked who was participating from zoom, IT Director Jesse Bellinger indicated 65 people were participating.

Travel, expense, and hiring freeze were discussed and confirmed there were already decisions made on those items at previous meetings.

More cuts that were discussed were to cut court security, stop using the metal detector, cleaning contract, offering early retirement for employees eligible, public guardian, airport, and 10% cut across the board.

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick for budget adjustments to start with the 10% reduction in each department budget, layoff of the part time office employees at the animal shelter, layoff the payroll clerk, removal of the \$10,000.00 from the airport, elimination of court security keeping in mind that bailiffs will be needed when court is in session, and elimination of cleaning contract and pursue modified schedule for cleaning hallways and bathrooms. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Commissioner Majewski indicated the 10% from each department is the only even and fair way to make cuts. Commissioner Majewski,

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FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION - continued

Chairperson Kleinhardt, and Commissioner Strouse all confirmed that cuts that have already been made, such as furloughs, layoffs, and lost employees would count toward each departments 10%. Clerk/Register Martin asked to be able to cut 10% as a whole from her office and not 10% from each budget, and also the election budget would not be cut because it has to be paid for whether it is budgeted for or not, and the board agreed. There was more discussion regarding IT Department, roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Pitchford

Motion carried

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Haskell to allow department heads to pursue offering early retirement with 1 year of health insurance and not replace the person and the person retiring will still pay their portion of the health insurance. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, Chairperson Kleinhardt reminded everyone things can be changed later. Clerk/Register Martin indicated she has an employee that wants to retire with 2 years' health insurance Commissioner Majewski decided no, there will be no negotiating, roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Pitchford

Motion carried

Commissioner Strouse left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Commissioner Strouse returned to the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Hoefling to approve budget adjustments 20-62, 20-63, 20-64, 20-65, 20-68, 20-69, 20-70, and 20-71 in the amounts of \$300.00, \$7,800.00, \$25,000.00, \$4,381.24, \$44,400.00, \$2,000.00, \$44,209.96 and \$29,496.90. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none roll call vote revealed:

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

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Commissioner Pitchford

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Majewski wanted it to be known that anyone seeking a grant, no matching funds will be approved out of the general fund, separate funds (other than general fund) could match the funds.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

The public gave suggestions for cleaning the courthouse, 10% cuts, budget adjustments today counting toward the 10% cut, layoffs and furloughs.

Treasurer Beemer-Fritzingler asked how the county was going to handle opening as per executive order 20-75, Clerk/Register of Deeds confirmed she would be allowing the

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PUBLIC COMMENT - continued

public in by appointment only. Lori Phelps confirmed the same for the building department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fitzpatrick would like to take an assessment of all the phones and stipend money for phones. Administrator Byard will get that information for the next board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jack Kleinhardt, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners