

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

approved 8/18/2020
~~Unapproved minutes~~
July 21, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.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 6 David Hoefling.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 7 Jeff Haskell

OTHERS PRESENT

John Moran, Kim Davis, Dwayne Miedzianowski, Michele Ambrozaitis, and Bill Hoefling.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Finance and Administration Committee

1. 2021 Budget Discussion

Projected revenues for FY 2021 are \$11.8 million.

Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger to be asked to come to the meeting and explain the Michigan Supreme Court Ruling on the tax foreclosure fund. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger confirmed the ruling came down in the Oakland County case that a small portion of the foreclosing process they find unconstitutional. Michigan Legislatures will have to change legislation to figure out how everything will work with the new ruling.

Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger confirmed that the money that goes into the general fund is surplus funds. The State Legislature already has something out saying they don't want any of that surplus money to be transferred to the general fund until this is figured out.

Chairperson Kleinhardt confirmed that Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger has been cautioning and warning them for the last 2 years that this may be coming, and commented it would probably be best if they did not count on that money being available. Treasurer Beemer-Fritzinger asked for time to go back and research.

Chairperson Kleinhardt discussed an email he received in which indicated the County would be responsible for 20% of the \$8 million drain project. Drain Commissioner Carl Parks was not available to confirm that information.


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COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR - continued

A. Finance and Administration Committee - continued

2020 Budget Discussion - continued

Vice Chairperson Pitchford suggested cuts to the following:

Take \$20,000.00 out of contingency
Cut all travel and expense = \$18,000.00
Drop Court Security back to what was for 2020 and cut \$18,621.00
Factor in one retiree = \$55,198.00

That would balance the budget and end in the positive by \$15,301.00.

Administrator Byard commented that the department heads have done a wonderful job cutting their budgets.

2. 2020 Budget Discussion

Administrator Byard indicated she found more money to cut and asked the board to give her more time to look it over and see what she can do.

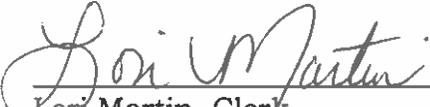
3. Budget Adjustments

It was moved by Commissioner Hoefling, seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick to approve Budget Adjustments #20-119, 20-120, 20-121, 20-123, 20-124, 20-125, 20-127, 20-128 and 20-129 in the amount of \$20,637.65, \$2,681.21, \$19,253.41, \$128.75, \$33,724.38, \$33,621.00, \$23,426.00, \$382,755.23 and \$15,087.50 to be distributed. Chairperson Kleinhardt asked for discussion, hearing none **motion carried**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Moran Hayes Township resident discussed gypsy moth and asked if his association would be able to pay for a portion for just their area even if they are not drawn in as an area to be sprayed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Samantha Pitchford, Vice Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners