

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625

approved 5/19/2021
~~Un~~approved minutes
May 5, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

District 1 Dale Majewski, District 4 Stephanie Brown, District 5 Sandra Bristol,
District 6 Bronwyn Asplund and District 7 Jeff Haskell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 2 Samantha Pitchford and District 3 Rickie Fancon

OTHERS PRESENT

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin, Administrator Tracy Byard, Dawn Raupp, and zoom participants.

Discussion started with the Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis (via zoom) requesting permission to pursue a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 to hire an assistant prosecuting attorney with the County Commissioners committing to adding in the additional \$25,000.00 plus benefits for that employee for the first year, and that position to remain a permanent position moving forward.

There was discussion regarding whether the County would be able to use the stimulus money to fund this position, and if Prosecutor Ambrozaitis had the ability to move funds around within her current budget to fund this position.

Prosecutor Ambrozaitis indicated she would have difficulty getting many applicants for a position that only lasted 6 months (June 2021 – December 2021). She added that in the current staff level the Prosecutors office is unable to attend most arraignments and has missed 110 forensic interviews for criminal sexual conduct cases against children.

The Commissioners committed to working hard to find funding to make the grant funded position a permanent position, but gave no guarantee.

It was moved by Commissioner Asplund, seconded by Commissioner Bristol, to allow the Prosecuting Attorney to pursue the grant with no guaranteed funding after the grant is gone. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Asplund, Bristol, Brown, Majewski and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2) being Commissioner Pitchford and Commissioner Fancon

Motion carried

It was moved by Bristol, seconded by Asplund, to pay for the benefits for that employee in the amount of \$10,430.01 to be paid ½ out of contingency for fiscal year 2021 and the other ½ to be included in the fiscal year 2022 budget. Chairperson Haskell asked for discussion, hearing none, roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Bristol, Asplund, Majewski, Brown, and Haskell

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2) being Commissioner Pitchford and Commissioner Fancon

Motion carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Jeff Haskell, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners