

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

Harrison, Michigan 48625
July 8, 2016

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Unapproved Minutes
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Meeting was called to Order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioners: District 1: Dale Majewski, District 2: Samantha Pitchford, District 3: Leonard Strouse, District 4: Jack Kleinhardt, District 5: Donald David, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, to approve the agenda with changes as noted below. Motion carried with one opposed being Commissioner David.

Add: Under Finance and Administration Committee, Contracts for Parking Lot Bids

Add: Under Finance and Administration Committee, Budget Adjustment #16-106

Remove: Under Finance and Administration, Budget Adjustment #BA 16-101

Commissioner David noted that he was opposed as he was under the impression that the holding of the special meeting was to discuss the budget and have discussions with the county attorney. He was surprised to see a full meeting agenda without having prior agenda information on hand for review. Commissioner Majewski indicated that he understood Commissioner David's concern. He noted that there were items that could have waited until the next regular meeting being held, referring to discussions on the hiring freeze. Commissioner Gelios referred to the agenda item, also understanding concern adding some clarification to his understanding of the hiring freeze. He indicated that his understanding of the intent of the hiring freeze was to make the department heads to recognize the Board as the holder of the money and that a freeze means that a position cannot be filled without Board approval because they are the funding body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting. Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Johnson spoke briefly about a need for all meetings to be posted and made public with information on the county website. Reference was also made to finance meetings also being posted to the website.

Melissa Townsend introduced herself as the new District Manager for Soil Conservation and was welcomed by the Board.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve Budget Adjustments #16-98, #16-100, #16-106 and #16-108 in the amounts of \$1,768.88, \$4,700.00, \$6,350.00, and \$15,000.00 respectively. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Jim Gelios, to appoint County Clerk Pamela Mayfield as the delegate and Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt as the alternate to represent Clare County at the MERS Annual Meeting of Delegation to be held in Acme on September 28-29, 2016. Motion carried.

Commissioner David indicated that he would like Commissioner Kleinhardt to attend as he has been working to better understand the issues with MERS. At that time County Clerk Mayfield said she was willing to accept the alternate position to allow Commissioner Kleinhardt to attend noting that generally Commissioners are not interested in attending. In the end, the motion stood.

Another discussion followed relevant to MERS and part-time employees along with other options. County Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritizinger noted that she learned much at the previous MERS Annual Meeting including options available for cost savings.

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It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiation and options with the county attorney.

Recess at: 9:40 a.m.
Back in session 9:48 a.m.

Roll call vote to go into closed session revealed:
Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Lipovsky, Strouse, Majewski, Pitchford, Kleinhardt, Gelios, and David
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried.

Closed Session Begins: 9:48 a.m.
Closed Session Ends: 12:17 p.m.

With no further discussion or motions relevant to closed session discussion turned to the improvements to the parking lot.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to approve contracts with Ward's Excavating at \$30,000.00, Central Asphalt at \$91,000.00 and Superior Concrete at \$17,000.00.

Roll call vote revealed:
Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Majewski, Lipovsky, Strouse, Gelios, David, Pitchford and Kleinhardt
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Motion carried.

2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION

There was then a brief overview and discussion on the 2017 budget. Administrator Byard noted that, as presented, the budget was negative \$804,565.00 and that figure was with everything extra removed.

Revenues as projected are up \$200,000 from last year to \$11,700,000.00; expenditures are also up from last year along with wages, health care and MERS .

Administrator Byard noted that the RFP has been put out for the Equalization Director.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST-NONE

JUSTICE

Sheriff Wilson and Undersheriff Miedzianowski came before the Board to plead their case and be allowed to hire. They presented their justification packet and discussed the hiring freeze. They asked to be able to fill positions and fill some vacancies.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to allow the Sheriff's Department to fill the positions left vacant by the departure of Deputy Tilson and Detective Kennedy with replacements to start at entry level pay. All opposed, motion failed.

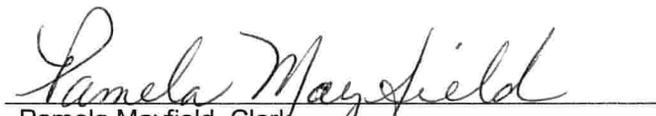
A motion by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to fill a vacancy died for a lack of a second.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-NONE

PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

Meeting was adjourned at: 1:33 p.m.


Pamela Mayfield, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners


Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners