

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

Jim 10/18/17

**Unapproved Minutes
September 20, 2017**

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Meeting was called to Order at 9:02 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: Sandra Bristol, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: Marty Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Majewski, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Pitchford, to approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2017 and September 7, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to approve all Closed Session Minutes of the August 16, 2017 and two sessions on September 7, 2017 meetings. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Parks, Drain Commissioner requested the Board of Commissioners approve Resolution #17-24 Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Little Tobacco Intercounty Drain Note. The Drain commission needs to borrow another \$250,000.00. This will put them at about \$1,000,000.00, and will have a bond to pay this note back.

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve Resolution #17-24 Pledging Full faith and credit to Little Tobacco Intercounty Drain Note. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion and Commissioner Gelios and Commissioner Kleinhardt asked questions.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Strouse, Pitchford, Majewski, Gelios, Kleinhardt, Bristol, and Lipovsky.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Nick Madaj, Assistant Court Administrator asked the Board of Commissioners to approve an additional \$100,000.00 be added to the child care fund budget. This expense came about because of the dramatic increase in child abuse and neglect cases being reported. Much discussion followed regarding how to prevent child abuse and neglect and what the Commissioners could possibly do to help prevent it.

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Kleinhardt to move \$100,000.00 from the general fund into the child care fund, as needed. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. There was more discussion about the Board not having any choice because this must be funded. Motion carried.

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Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee

Construction in Probate Court

Assistant Court Administrator Madaj then requested a motion for construction in Probate Court.

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Gelios to allow Probate Court to install a new interior window to match existing in the Clare County Courthouse. With the cost to be between \$3,228.00 and \$ 3,365.00. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Assistant Court Administrator Madaj explained the need for another window in the Probate Court offices in order to better serve the

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public. Much discussion ensued regarding the need and where the funds would come from to pay for it. The funds would come out of the existing budgeted money for that department. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

Commissioner Kleinhardt requested the Board of Commissioners send a resolution opposing MAC holding their conferences on Mackinac Island and the cost associated with it.

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve Resolution #17-25 opposing the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) site selection for the summer conference at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. All the Commissioners concurred with the resolution presented by Mecosta County also opposing the same.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Kleinhardt, Bristol, Pitchford, Strouse, Majewski, Gelios, and Lipovsky.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard has been working on Union Negotiations and the Budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kim Kennicott, Airport Manager presented the Clare County Airport - 5 Year Plan to the Board of Commissioners. Manager Kennicott also thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Airport.

Resolution #17-23

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to approve Resolution #17- 23 a Special Tribute to David Zinn. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Every Commissioner made positive comments about Mr. Zinn's bravery.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Gelios, Strouse, Bristol, Majewski, Kleinhardt, Pitchford, and Lipovsky.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Community Development Director Lori Ware asked for discussion regarding a Clare County Civil Infraction Ordinance. Director Ware presented information regarding a proposed county civil infraction ordinance. Commissioner Kleinhardt questioned if building codes were set by the State, and Commissioner Gelios asked Director Ware to talk with Hayes Township regarding their problems enforcing ordinances.

Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Public Hearing opened at 10:10 a.m. by Chairperson Lipovsky

Discussion continued regarding a Clare County Civil Infraction Ordinance. It was agreed the Board of Commissioners would review the proposed ordinance, have Attorney Stoker review the ordinance, and they will discuss it further at the October board meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Ware handed out a drawing for a proposed restructuring of her department with funds in the approximate amount of \$30,000.00 that she already has in her budget.

Commissioner Strouse questioned if any of the funds that come into Director Ware's department come back into the General Fund. Director Ware replied that some of the funds from Community Development do come back to the General Fund.

Recess: 10:45 a.m.

Back in session: 10:57 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR**Justice Committee**

EMPG Approval

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$23,303.00 for 2018. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Majewski to adopt Resolution #17-20, Proclaiming October 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION - continued
Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Public Hearing

Budget Resolution #17-21

Moved by Commissioner Pitchford and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to adopt Resolution #17-21, a Resolution approving and adopting the County General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (5) being Commissioners Pitchford, Strouse, Gelios, Bristol, and Lipovsky

Nays: (2) being Commissioners Kleinhardt and Majewski

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Wage Compensation Resolution #17-22

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to adopt Resolution #17-22 establishing Fiscal Year 2018 Compensation. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Commissioner Majewski asked for confirmation there were no increases or changes to salaries of department heads and elected officials. Administrator Byard confirmed the only increases were to Dr. Karen Moore, Court Administrator and Nick Madaj, Assistant Court Administrator that were voted on several months ago.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Strouse, Pitchford, Majewski, Bristol, Kleinhardt, Gelios and Lipovsky

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted

Health and Human Services Committee None

Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee
Reappointments

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to reappoint Tracey Beadle and Linda Peterson to the Land Bank Authority with the term expiring September 30, 2020. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Finance and Administration Committee

Statutory Finance Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse and seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of August 15, 2017 in the amount of \$65,538.64, August 29, 2017 in the amount of \$ 68,360.87 and September 12, 2017 in the amount of \$ 60,367.93. Motion carried.

Monthly Expenditures

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the expenditures for the month of August 2017 in the amount of \$ 2,167,682.31 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$889,741.27. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded Commissioner Strouse to approve Budget Adjustment #17-200, #17-201, #17-204, and #17-205 in the amount of \$50,000, \$24.80, \$7,633.00, and \$258,516.00 to be distributed. Motion carried.

CLERK/REGISTER OF DEED'S REPORT

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin gave an update on the 3 different ways the township/city clerks will be able to modern their election results in on Election Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler updated the Board on the County land sale that took place, 75% of land was sold. A second sale will take place online at www.tax-sale.info. Dog licenses on sale October 1st. Also working on 2017 and 2018 budgets.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Lipovsky attended her meetings. She brought up a finance meeting issue that herself, Commissioner Kleinhardt, and Commissioner Strouse ran into where the Prosecutor and the two Circuit Court Judges all went to a conference on Mackinaw Island which cost over \$1,000.00 each for rooms at the Grand Hotel. Commissioner Majewski asked why that was even approved when the County has a policy outlining the allowed amount for room rates. Commissioner Bristol made the comment that this discussion was contrary to what they have been discussing all these prior months. Much more discussion ensued regarding this and the funds used for booths at the County Fair.

VICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Vice Chairperson Kleinhardt attended his meetings.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Gelios has been attending his meetings.

Commissioner Strouse has been attending his meetings.

Commissioner Pitchford has been attending her meetings. The road by the mill pond will be down to a one lane road because of the bridge, and will remain that way for at least 2 years.

Commissioner Bristol has been attending her township meetings and trainings. She went to training in Gaylord for new commissioners.

Commissioner Majewski has been attending his meetings. He went on to comment regarding the wage scale for the County Sheriff's Department deputies, and the possibility of increasing the wage scale in order to keep good deputies from leaving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Johnson talked about the child abuse issue in our county and educating society and address the core issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to go into closed session for union negotiations.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Strouse, Bristol, Majewski, Pitchford, Kleinhardt, Gelios, and Lipovsky.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion carried

Recess for closed session at 11:55 a.m.

Back in regular session at 12:17 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to ratify Unit 1 and Unit 2 UAW contracts for the next 3 years. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Karen Lipovsky, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners