

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

225 W. Main St.
Harrison, Michigan 48625

*Approved
3-15-2023*
~~Unapproved minutes~~
March 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Dale Majewski.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

District 1 Marlene Housler, District 2 Dale Majewski, District 5 David Hoefling, District 6 Jack Kleinhardt, District 7 Gabe Ambrozaitis and District 8 George Gilmore and District 9 Rick Fancon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 3 Samantha Pitchford and District 4 Jeff Haskell

OTHERS PRESENT

Clerk & Register of Deeds Lori Mott, Administrator Lori Phelps and members of the public.

JUSTICE

1. Emergency Management Services Presentation (CCMHSD)
Director of Emergency Management Jerry Becker gave an overview of his office to the Commissioners, which includes everything that comes from State of Michigan Homeland Security Division, State Police and FEMA. Director Becker receives briefings from the State every morning and any threats are filtered through his office. On local side, Director Becker organizes temporary emergency sites for American Red Cross, courthouse building security and helps out with court security as needed.
2. DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) /Prosecutor Contract
Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis gave an overview of the DHHS contract in which her office would represent DHHS and Protective Services to prosecute those cases and the compensation to Clare County, if the contract is approved by the Commissioners at the next meeting. This contract will be placed on the agenda for the March 15, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
3. Sheriff Department/Mid Michigan College Security Contract
Undersheriff Miedzianowski gave the Commissioners an overview and some background regarding the contract between the Clare County Sheriff's Department and Mid Michigan College for security. This contract will be placed on the agenda for the March 15, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICE

None

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

1. Broadband Discussion
Administrator Phelps updated the Commissioners regarding the 8 million dollar Robin Grant they have applied for. Emergency Manager Jerry Becker introduced Ken Chivenar from the Clare Gladwin RESD. Director Becker and Mr. Chivenar explained how the underserved or unserved areas were selected to start laying the fiber for internet services and how more people can tie into that initial layer of fiber in the future.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Second Amendment Resolution Discussion
Administrator Phelps passed out a proposed resolution provided by the Clare County Attorney at the request of the Commissioners. Commissioner Gilmore explained what it means to him to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and why he supports the passing of this resolution.
2. Election Consolidation Discussion
Commissioner Housler had questions regarding the proposed intergovernmental agreement. Clerk Mott answered all questions and explained the content of the proposed intergovernmental agreement, which is still being constructed. There was opposition regarding the cost of early voting being disbursed evenly instead of by number of registered voters. Additional opposition was raised regarding any additional staff that is needed in the County Clerk's office being hired to working on anything other than the 9 days of early voting. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this issue.

Commissioner Gilmore noted that Clare County resident Carol Gepford provided a book for each of the Commissioners regarding the Constitution of the United States.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Lori Mott, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Dale Majewski, Vice-Chairman
Clare County Board of Commissioners