

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
Organizational Meeting
December 1, 2014

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7pm after being called to order by Clerk Phyllis Bewley. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Clerk Bewley administered the oath of office for newly elected Board Members Mark Bieri, Karen Jones, Lori Sindelar, Joe Vann and re-elected Board Members Bell and Anseeuw. Roll call showed the following members present: Board Member Anseeuw, Bell, Bieri, Gregg, Jones, McWhorter, Pappas, Rooth, Sindelar and Vann.

Clerk Bewley then took nominations for County Board Chairman for a term of two years. Board Member Bieri nominated Brian Anseeuw for Chairman. Board Member Jones nominated Joe Vann for Chairman. Joe Vann declined the nomination. After determining that there were no other nominations, vote taken by show of hands for Brian Anseeuw as Chairman showed Ayes: Anseeuw, Bell, Bieri, Jones, Pappas, Rooth, Sindelar and Vann and Nays: Gregg and McWhorter. Board Member Anseeuw was elected as Board Chairman for a term of two years. Clerk Bewley then took nominations for County Board Vice Chairman. Board Member Rooth nominated Joe Vann for Vice Chairman. After determining there were no other nominations, vote taken by show of hands for Joe Vann as Vice Chairman showed Ayes: All and Nays: none. Board Member Vann was elected as Vice Chairman for a term of two years.

Chairman Anseeuw presented the minutes of the November 6, 2014 General Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board. Chairman Anseeuw presented the minutes of the November 21, 2014 Special Meeting for approval and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Pappas were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Gregg presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member McWhorter presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member McWhorter presented the Resolution for County Engineer's Salary and the Joint Agreement for County Engineer's Salary which was tabled without motion or vote. Board Member McWhorter presented Suez Township – County Bridge Aid Petition for Bridge Replacement (066-4120) IDOT #02-15125-00BR and on his motion seconded by Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented 2015 Mercer County Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance (IDOT Section #14-00000-00-GM) and on his motion seconded by Board Member Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK.

Board Member Rooth presented the minutes of the Animal Control Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Rooth presented the revised Agreement with the County Veterinarian and on the motion of Board Member Vann seconded by Board Member Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGES _____.

Board Member Anseeuw presented the minutes of the Public Health Board from October and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Pappas were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member McWhorter presented the minutes of the Veterans Assistance Commission and on his motion seconded by Board Member Pappas were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and on his motion seconded by Board Member Gregg were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented an Ordinance for the following people and parcel: Ordinance to Rezone from AG1 to R1 for Daniel and Diana Mallie and Jacob C. Elliott and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3 PAGES _____. Board Member McWhorter presented the request for appointment of a platting officer. After discussion Board Member Vann moved to return the issue to the Zoning Committee and motion was seconded by Board Member Pappas and was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Finance Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Claims for payment as follows: General Corporate \$77,623.47, Public Health \$24,706.85, Veteran's Assistance \$2,280.92, County Highway \$51,953.35, Federal Aid Matching \$31,392.85, Township Motor Fuel \$11,166.02, Township Bridge \$2,715.95, Animal Control \$829.57, Law Library \$727.49, Capital Improvements \$3,389.68, Liability Insurance \$14,584.20, Circuit Clerk Automation \$290.00, Probation Fees \$2,532.27, Document Storage \$474.73, Coroner's Permits \$78.88, Collector's Automation \$1,402.00, GIS Fees \$2,625.00 and Pet Population \$937.00 for a total of \$229,710.33. Motion to approve claims for payment as presented by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Bell and approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Resolution for State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGES _____.

Chairman Anseeuw presented the Resolution for County Holidays as Old Business. Board Member Pappas moved to approve December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holidays and January 1st for New Years Day as approved holidays for the next month and motion was seconded by Board Member Gregg and approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman Anseeuw related that there was a conflict for the December Law Enforcement and Transportation Committee meetings due to the holidays so on the motion of Board Member McWhorter to change the meetings to Monday the 22nd at the same times was seconded by Board Member Jones and approved by vote of the Board.

Public comment by George Howard regarding Deputy hires and Ted Pappas thanked Board Member McWhorter for serving as Chair for the past two years.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, January 6, 2015 by Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Vann was approved by vote of the Board at 8:36pm.