

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

April 1, 2014

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Member Anseeuw, Bell, Gregg, Haines, Howard, McWhorter, Pappas, Rooth, Schroeder and Stone.

Chairman McWhorter presented the minutes of the March 4, 2014 General Board Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder was seconded by Board Member Haines. Discussion concerning request for closed session to discuss personnel that was not entered into the record and who has the final say on what goes on the agenda. Motion carried with one nay. Chairman McWhorter presented the minutes of the March 15, 2014 Special Emergency meeting and on the motion of Board Member Stone was seconded by Board Member Gregg and approved by vote of the Board.

Jen Hammerlinck, Mercer County Emergency Manager presented the Mercer County Disaster Recovery Plan that covers procedures and economics and other issues concerning handling of any disaster that may impact the County. Discussion regarding NIMS certification, debris management and pipeline safety. Motion to adopt a resolution supporting the Recovery Plan by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Schroeder and was approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman McWhorter read the Code of Conduct that is included in the Bylaws of the Board and asked all Board Members to sign.

Chairman McWhorter presented the Mercer County Personnel Manual as recommended by the Personnel Committee and approved by the liability attorneys. Motion to accept the Personnel Manual by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Howard and approved by vote of the Board.

Sheriff Bill Glancey addressed the Board regarding recent issues concerning personnel matters.

Board Member Howard presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee and on the motion of Board Member Gregg was seconded by Board Member Howard. Discussion of rearranging the agenda to discuss personnel at the Law Enforcement meeting. Motion carried.

Board Member McWhorter presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting and on his motion was seconded by Board Member Rooth and approved by vote of the Board. Board Member McWhorter presented a Resolution to Appropriate \$60,000 from Federal Aid Matching to Motor Fuel and on his motion seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2, PAGES _____. Board Member McWhorter presented the 2014 IDOT Audit of Motor Fuel Tax Funds and on his motion was seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented the 2014 IDOT Audit of Township Bridge Funds and on his motion seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented the 2014 IDOT Audit of Road District Funds to Reimburse Motor Fuel Tax \$5,102.23 and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented

the Engineering Services Agreement between Mercer County and Hutchinson Engineering for Knoxville Road CHR/05-00094-00-RS and on the motion of Board Member Gregg was seconded by Board Member Stone and approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented the Engineering Services Agreement Local Forces with Mercer County for Knoxville Road RS CHR/05-00094-00-RS and Joint Funding Agreement RS-206(119) and on his motion seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK.

Board Member Rooth presented the minutes of the Animal Control Committee Meeting and on his motion seconded by Board Member Gregg were approved by vote of the Board. Gary Courtright spoke to the progress on the 501-C3 group to take on fundraising to improve the Animal Control facility. Board Member Stone announced that he will be taking pledges for a bike run he will be undertaking shortly that will be donated to the Animal Control fund.

Board Member Schroeder presented the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Schroeder presented an Ordinance to Rezone AG1 to AG2 for Matthew and Justin Ewing and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3, PAGES _____. Board Member Schroeder presented a Conditional Use Permit for Jacquilyn A. Anseeuw Trust and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Anseeuw presented the minutes of the Economic Development Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Rooth were approved by vote of the Board. He presented Jessica and Bailey Sackville who were named Mercer County Entrepreneur of the Month. Their business manufactures concrete pots for decorative use. Chairman McWhorter announced that Mercer County was ranked 15th in the State for access to health care.

Board Member Haines presented the minutes of the meeting of the Assessment Committee and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. He also announced the reinstatement of the Supervisor of Assessment salary reimbursement due to Supervisor McClellan's work to return the multiplier to a 1.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and on his motion seconded by Board Member Howard was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the claims for the month of March as follows: Corporate \$97,622.20, Public Health \$17,255.23, Veteran's Assistance \$740.80, Community Mental Health \$10,950.00, County Highway \$83,844.51, County Aid Bridge \$1,816.76, Federal Aid Matching \$60,479.57, Township Motor Fuel \$5,635.05, Motor Fuel \$60,000.00, Animal Control \$11,811.65, Law Library \$706.30, Capital Improvements \$3,047.40, Liability Insurance \$11,450.58, Circuit Clerk Automation \$417.02, Recorder \$169.99, Probation Fees \$3,095.46, Document Storage \$43.20, County Clerk Automation \$527.64, GIS Fees \$965.00, GIS Clerks Fees \$208.19, Expenses \$153.00 for total of \$370,939.55. Motion to approve claims as presented by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Gregg and approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman McWhorter presented the Resolution for County Holidays for 2014 under old business and motion to approve April 18, 2014 for Good Friday was made by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Bell and approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman McWhorter presented the Resolution to Follow State Statutes Regarding Conceal Carry in Government Buildings and on the motion of Board Member Bell seconded by Board Member Stone was approved by vote of the Board with one nay. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2, PAGES _____.

Chairman McWhorter presented for appointment of Trustees to the Aledo Fire Protection District, J. Michael Sponsler, Robert C. Carroll and Michael Shull and on his motion seconded by Schroeder said appointment were approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK. Chairman McWhorter presented for appointment of Trustee to the Sherrard Community Fire Protection District, Richard Sanders and on the motion of Board Member Stone seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK. Chairman McWhorter presented for appointment of Trustees to the Joy Fire Protection District, Eric Coulter, Stan Nelson and Amy Welch and on his motion seconded by Board Member Rooth were approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK. Chairman McWhorter removed Board Member Howard from Law Enforcement Committee. He asked Board Member Rooth to take the assignment which he declined and then asked Board Member Schroeder to take the position to which he accepted. Chairman McWhorter asked for question and roll call. Discussion regarding why Board Member Howard was being removed. Roll call showed the following : Ayes 5, Nays 5. Issue failed. Board Member Haines was designated as Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee by Chairman McWhorter. Board Member Pappas requested that a subcommittee be tasked to do a Jail Refinance Policy and that he and Board Member Schroeder be appointed. Motion to form a subcommittee to work on the policy by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board.

In other business, Board Member Stone asked those attending to write down what they feel this County has going for it and to mail the comments to him.

Public comment by the following: Joe Vann regarding the Disaster Plan and refinancing, Laurie Bluedorn and Amanda Soseman spoke to George Howard being removed from the Law Enforcement Committee, States Attorney McHugh addressed the Attorney General's position on the Law Enforcement Committee, Pam Behrenger commented on a call that was made to the Argus office regarding the agenda of Law Enforcement, Board Member Pappas asked to have an opinion regarding conflicts of interest and Jason Soseman to Board Member Schroeder regarding a comment he made.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00pm by Board Member Rooth was seconded by Board Member Gregg. Motion carried.