

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

June 3, 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 May 6, 2014 General Board Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder seconded by Board Member Haines were approved by vote of the Board. Chairman McWhorter presented the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Special Board meeting and on the motion of Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Haines were approved by vote of the Board.

Brandon Melton of the BiState Regional Planning Commission presented a Resolution to Recognize and Concur with an Evacuation Plan for the BiState Region. He spoke to the procedure used to develop the Plan in conjunction with local law enforcement, Emergency Services and Department of Transportation among others, and the general purpose. Motion to approve the Resolution by Board Member Haines was seconded by Board Member Rooth and approved by vote of the board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDING SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGES _____.

Board Member Haines presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member McWhorter presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Gregg were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member McWhorter presented Award of Contract – Timber Pile Repairs for County Bridge (066-3145) and North Henderson Township Bridge (066-4103) and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented a Petition for Use of County Bridge Aid Monies for North Henderson Township Bridge (066-4103) and on the motion of Board Member Haines seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented a request to use \$45,000 in County Bridge Aid money for repair of County Bridge (066-3145) and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented the Countywide Sign Policy and on the motion of Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approve by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2, PAGES _____.

Board Member Rooth presented the minutes of the Animal Control committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board with the addition of Jeff McWhorter to attendees at that meeting. Assistant States Attorney Meeghan Lee spoke to an issue regarding people distributing leaflets to mailboxes, as that is a federal offense. They are allowed to distribute on the street or in front of businesses if the owners do not complain.

Board Member Anseeuw presented the minutes of the Public Health Board and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the May 15 and May 29th Zoning Board of Appeals and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Ordinance to Rezone AG1 to R1 for William C. and Molly B. Joseph 1.35 acres and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3, PAGES _____. Board Member Pappas presented the Ordinance to Rezone AG1 to R1 for Martin Farms 1.00 acres and on his motion seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3, PAGES _____. Board Member Pappas presented the Ordinance to Rezone AG1 to R1 for Martin Farms 1.00 acres and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3, PAGES _____. Board Member Pappas presented a Conditional Use Permit for J. Mark & Cara Craft dba C&C Reloading Supplies 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 McWhorter presented the minutes of the Personnel Committee. Motion to approve by Board Member McWhorter was seconded by Board Member Schroeder. Discussion regarding the procedure to come to the conclusion that salaries for the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk and Board Chairman be frozen for the next four years. Motion carried by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes from the May 6 and June 3, 2014 Finance Committee meetings and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented Claims for payment in the amount as follows: Corporate \$37,894.82, Public Health \$30,739.18, County Highway \$64,290.09, County Aid Bridge \$5,112.19, Federal Aid Matching \$17649.16, Township Motor Fuel \$72,771.53, Animal Control \$2,837.45, Law Library \$706.30, Capital Improvements \$4,007.40, Liability Insurance \$18,397.41, Circuit Clerk Automation \$549.79, Recorder \$6,060.00, Probation Fees \$4,216.88, County Clerk Automation \$364.11, Drug Crime Lab Fund \$1,656.81, GIS Fees \$525.05, Expenses \$100.00, Special Service AC \$28.50 for a total of \$267,906.67. On the motion of Board Member Pappas to pay claims as presented seconded by Board Member Gregg, motion was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Resolutions to Fix Compensation of Elected Officials namely Treasurer, County Clerk, Sheriff and Board Chairman at their present rates for the next four years and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by the vote of the Board with one nay. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2, PAGES _____. Board Member Pappas presented the 2013 Audit for approval and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the recommendation from the auditors to employ an outside accountant to prepare Interim Financial Statements for the County that would simplify the yearly auditing cycle. Motion by Board Member Pappas and seconded by Board Member Bell to consider this issue during the Budget process was approved by vote of the Board. Following discussion as to whether direct deposit for payrolls could be mandated Board Member Pappas moved to suggest that Board Members lead the way by doing direct deposit. Motion was seconded by Board Member Bell and approved by vote of the Board. The Early Retirement Incentive was introduced by Board Member Schroeder. The current statement of eligible employees expires in July. Board Member McWhorter moved to have this issue considered in depth during the budget process and was seconded by Board Member Howard. Motion carried by vote of the Board. Board Member Stone reported on the research he had undertaken as to the feasibility of bulk storage fuel tanks rather than purchasing fuel at stations all over the County. It was the general consensus that this issue can be discussed at budget time. Motion to table the Jail Budget Policy by Board Member Schroeder was seconded by Board Member Gregg and approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman McWhorter presented the Resolution for County Holidays for June and since there are no holidays in June no action was required. Chairman McWhorter presented the Mercer County Prevailing Wage Ordinance for 2014-2015 and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2, PAGES _____.

Chairman McWhorter presented for appointment of Trustee to the Reynolds Fire Protection District Kenneth Yeater for a term of 3 years and on the motion of Board Member Haines seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT RECORD BOOK. Chairman McWhorter presented for appointment to Commissioner of the Mercer County Housing Authority Rachel Birkhead for a term of 5 years and on the motion of Board Member Haines seconded by Board Member Howard was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT RECORD BOOK. Chairman McWhorter presented as representatives to the Mercer County Farmland Assessment Committee Fred Rooth, Donald Bell and Jeff McWhorter and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT RECORD BOOK. Chairman McWhorter recommended for appointment to the Budget Committee for the coming year Board Members Pappas, Stone and McWhorter and on the Motion of Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board.

In other business, Chairman McWhorter presented his research on the McClure Cemetery that Mercer County maintains. Board Member Howard is planning to attend the Abington Township meeting on Monday to discuss alternatives with them. Board Member Stone told of his 70th birthday bike ride on May 24th and solicited donations from the members that he intends to donate to Animal Control Building Fund. Board Member Pappas asked to revisit the Forensic Audit at a future meeting. Board Member Anseeuw announced the Economic Development meeting on the 19th at 6pm in the Board Room. Board Member Stone advised the Board that two small Mercer County business owners were recognized by the University of Illinois Extension, Ken Hoffman and Larry Rhodenbaugh.

Motion by Board Member McWhorter to go into Closed Session per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes was seconded by Board Member Schroeder. Motion carried at 8:05pm.

Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:27pm. Board Member McWhorter moved to open the October 1, 2013 closed session minutes and was seconded by Board Member Howard. Motion carried.

Public comment by Harvey Bluedorn and Jason Soseman.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, July 1, 2014 by Board Member Gregg was seconded by Board Member Howard and approved by vote at 8:30pm.