

## MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

August 5, 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, and Stone. Board Member Schroeder arrived at 7:08 pm.

Chairman McWhorter presented the minutes of the July 1, 2014 General Board Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Haines seconded by Board Member Gregg were approved by vote of the Board.

Daren Dietmeier representing the Mercer County 708 Board gave a history of the Board. It began with a 1976 bill that created community funding for mental health services. The Board has quarterly meetings. He informed the Board that the Mercer County Youth Service Bureau has stopped functioning and that the Mercer County Crisis Center has been picking up some of the slack. Henry County Youth Service Bureau has applied to offer their services. He was trying to get a feel of where the County Board would prefer to go with this vacancy. Board Member McWhorter expressed the opinion that local schools and the Crisis Center seem to be doing the job at present.

Ken Rakers addressed the board regarding pursuing the Forensic Audit in the Treasurer's office. He questioned if the return would justify the expense. He review a few of the past audits at the time of the Treasurer's leaving the office and feels that money would be better spent on following the recommendations from past audits.

Ron Schoon addressed the Board concerning some complaints that he has filed and has received no response. He would like to bring the evidence to the next Board meeting to have it addressed. He was on the agenda for a Property Tax issue, but said that his questions were answered by Bev Lower to his satisfaction.

Board Member Haines presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement committee meeting and on his motion seconded by Board Member Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented an Agreement between the 911 Board and the County for payment of dispatcher salaries and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_. Board Member Haines presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Joy for police protection and on his motion seconded by Board Member Schroeder was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-1 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

Board Member McWhorter presented the minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Transportation Committee meetings and on the motion of Board Member Stone seconded by Board Member Howard was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member McWhorter presented Phase I & II Engineering Agreement: Section #05-00095-00-EG/Culvert Replacement Project along CH12 at North Henderson Creek (SN:066-3012) and on the motion of Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented Joint Agreement for Federal Participation (Emergency 2013 Flood) Various Routes 13-00105-00-DR and on his motion seconded by Bell was approved by vote of the

Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. Board Member McWhorter presented Joint Agreement for Federal Participation/Supplement #2: Section #05-00095-00-EG/Culvert Replacement Project along CH12 North Henderson Creek (SN:066-3012) and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder 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 and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Rooth presented the Contract with the City of Aledo for animal control services and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Board Member Stone presented the minutes of the Property Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. There was some discussion regarding the McClure Cemetery and possible closing of the cemetery.

Board Member Bell presented the minutes of the Insurance Committee and on the motion of Board Member Schroeder seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Howard presented the minutes of the Veteran's Assistance Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member Bell 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 Howard was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the claims for payment as follows: General \$64,746.16, Public Health \$20,199.84, Veteran's Assistance \$883.60, County Highway \$139,701.38, Federal Aid Matching \$7,637.53, Township Motor Fuel \$83,925.02, Township Bridge \$4,988.15, Animal Control \$4,330.56, Law Library \$706.30, Capital Improvements \$277.40, Liability Insurance \$29,334.88, Circuit Clerk Automation \$1,811.89, Probation Fees \$2,372.99, Document Storage \$1,348.91, County Clerk Automation \$264.62, 911/ Sheriff Dept. \$49.99, Collectors Automation \$183.37, GIS Fees \$1,252.24, Special Service Animal Control \$285.117 for a total of \$364,300.00. Motion to pay claims as presented by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Howard and approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman McWhorter presented Resolution for County Holidays for 2014 and on the motion of Board Member Anseeuw to allow September 1, 2014 in observation of Labor Day seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. Chairman McWhorter presented a Resolution for Clustering Precincts and on the motion of Board Member Howard to cluster Mercer precincts one through five at the Aledo VFW Hall seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_. Chairman McWhorter presented a Resolution for Transfer of Senior Citizens Center and on his motion seconded by Board Member Howard was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_. Chairman McWhorter presented a Labor Day Proclamation and on his motion seconded by Board Member Pappas was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chairman McWhorter presented for reappointment to the Mercer County Board of Review Larry Streeter and on the motion of Board Member Bell seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board.**

**In other business Larry Stone requested assistance in paying for a plaque of recognition for Coroner Ron McNall for his years of service.**

**Chairman McWhorter presented the letter of resignation of Treasurer Mike Bertelsen received on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He will bring forward a name for consideration at the next Board meeting. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK I-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Deputy Treasurer Lower presented a report to the Board detailing practices that have been implemented addressing the points that were brought up in the Forensic Audit that was done in February of 2013. Discussion regarding the implementation followed.**

**In Public Comment Barb Chiles asked a question regarding the Mercer Township precinct change of polling places. Jason Soseman question the selling of public property without a public hearing.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, October 7, 2014 by Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Howard was approved by vote of the Board at 8:19pm.**