

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

January 5, 2015

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Member Bieri, Bell, Gregg, Jones, McWhorter, Pappas, Rooth and Vann. Absent were Board Members Anseeuw and Sindelar.

Minutes of the December 8, 2015 General Board meeting were presented by Chairman Vann and motion to approve was made by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Jones and approved by vote of the Board.

There was no public comment.

Donald Fowler spoke to the Board regarding compliance with the Board's Code of Ethics. He presented a copy of a Facebook post by Brian Anseeuw regarding Rivoli Township purchase of a new road grader. He said that the price of the grader was erroneous and that name calling was made by in the post by Brian Anseeuw. He asked the Board to follow the Code of Ethics in their dealing with the public.

Motion to go into Closed Session per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for Semiannual Review of Closed Session Minutes by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member McWhorter at 7:06pm and was approved by vote of the Board.

Board reconvened in open session at 7:19pm. Motion to open all closed session minutes but the November 6, 2015 Property Committee closed session minutes was made by Board Member Vann seconded by Board Member Rooth and approved by vote of the Board.

As no representative from Bellwether was present at the meeting, Chairman Vann's motion to table their report until the next Board meeting was seconded by Board Member Gregg and approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Vann presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee meeting and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Rooth presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Vann presented the minutes of the Animal Control Committee and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Vann presented the minutes of the Public Health Board and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Jones 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 Rooth was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the

December Claims for payment in January as follows: Corporate \$52,796.97, Public Health \$22,057.85, Community Mental Health \$10,951.69, County Highway \$32,317.18, Highway EFT Loan \$6,643.19, County Aid Bridge \$7,103.82, Federal Aid Matching \$981.65, Township Motor Fuel \$48,436.00, Township Bridge \$11,448.37, Animal Control \$5,664.96, Pet Population \$2,420.00, Special Projects \$865.45, Law Library \$749.32, Capital Improvements \$1,129.40, Liability Insurance \$10,321.95, Circuit Clerk Automation \$190.00, Probation Fees \$6,979.01, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$940.44, Assessor GIS \$2,625.00 for a total of \$224,622.25. On the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Vann claims were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas then presented the Claim for Retroactive Pay for 2013 – 2015 per the Union Contract in the amount of \$122,629.36 and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Gregg showed a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Nays 0. Motion carried by vote of the Board.

Chairman Vann presented a Resolution for County Holidays for 2016 and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES _____. Chairman Vann presented the three final contracts for the bargaining units for December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2018 and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES _____.

In other business, Chairman Vann presented a Resolution for Creation of a Process for Removal of County Board Chairman for consideration as the Board By Laws are being changed. Board Member McWhorter commented on how well the County was represented by Law Enforcement and the States Attorney's office in the recent Investigation Discovery program on the Pete White murder case.

Motion to adjourn to February 2, 2016 at 7:00pm by Board Member Rooth was seconded by Board Member McWhorter. Motion carried by vote of the Board at 7:35pm.