

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
October 13, 2015**

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7pm.

Vice Chairman Vann serves as Chairman in the absence of Brian Anseeuw.

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

Chairman Vann presented the minutes of the September 1, 2015 General meeting and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. Minutes of the September 11, 2015 Special Called meeting were moved for approval by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Rooth and approved by vote of the Board.

Tracy Pestle of the Mercer County 4-H presented Tim Goderis who presented a Proclamation designating March 2016 as Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS Personnel Appreciation Month in Mercer County. Motion to Approve Proclamation by Board Member McWhorter was seconded by Board Member Jones and approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark Potter appeared before the Board regarding an issue with his property. His home is not located in the area that the legal description in his recorded deed describes. It was explained that this was not an issue that the Board can resolve for him, that he needs to hire an attorney to remedy the issue with the recordings. Clerk Bewley gave him a packet of preliminary information to get the paperwork started.

Board Member Vann presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Rooth presented the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Regular Transportation Committee and the September 15, 2015 Special Called Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Pappas were approved by vote of the Board. Motion to go into Closed Session per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for Specific Personnel was made by Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Jones and was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to allow Clerk Bewley and States Attorney McHugh to also go to Closed Session with the Board was made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member McWhorter and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:20pm.

Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:36pm. Motion to accept Mutual Separation Agreement with Jimmy Samaniego was made by Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Rooth and approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_. Motion to approve an Interim County Engineer Resolution with Matthew Lower was made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Bell and approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGE \_\_\_\_\_. Motion to approve an Employment Agreement with Matthew Lower as Department Manager of the Highway Department was made by Board Member Bell seconded By Board Member Jones and approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Board Member Sindelar presented the minutes of the Public Health Board meeting and on the motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Bell were approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and on his motion seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He also presented an Ordinance to Rezone AG 1 to R1 for William H. and Donna M. Hoffman 1.68 acres and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_. Also presented was an Ordinance to Rezone AG 1 to R1 for Sara Ann, Kip D. and Tod M. Meyer 5.596 acres and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Insurance Committee and on his motion seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board. He also mentioned that the committee would be meeting with the liability insurers in the near future.

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the August 4, 2015 Assessments Committee and on the motion of Board Member Sindelar seconded by Board Member McWhorter were approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to change representation in Negotiations from Art Eggers to Rick Stewart by Board Member Vann seconded by Board Member Bell. Discussion regarding billing, cost per hour, reasons for change were exchanged by various members. Motion carried by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Gregg were approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Claims for September to be paid in October as follows: General Corporate \$100,383.39, Public Health \$18,435.39, Community Mental Health \$10,951.47, County Highway \$58,877.84, County Aid Bridge \$17,143.25, Township Motor Fuel \$152,973.60, Motor Fuel \$7,337.66, Township Bridge \$148,869.19, Animal Control \$2,613.66, Pet Population \$647.49, Law Library \$743.26, Capital Improvements \$337.40, Liability Insurance \$23,487.02, Circuit Clerk Automation \$1,018.00, Recorder \$178.57, Probation Fees \$2,077.78, Document Storage \$450.33, Drug Crime Lab \$57.67, Assessor GIS \$820.05 and GIS Clerk \$820.05 for a total of \$548,108.32 and on his motion seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Lease Agreement with the Public Building Commission and on his motion seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_. Board Member Pappas presented the draft 2016 Mercer County Budget and Appropriations for public viewing pending approval at the November 3, 2015 General Board meeting and on his motion seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. The Budget will be available for viewing in the County Clerk's office and on the County website until the November meeting. Board Member Pappas presented a Proposal for Long Term Administrative Support with Bellwether, LLC and on his motion seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairman Vann presented the Resolution for County Holidays for 2015. There are no holidays before the next Board meeting but since October 12<sup>th</sup> was Columbus Day Board Member Pappas moved to approve was seconded by Board Member Jones and was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented a Resolution to change the ownership by Quit Claim from the Nursing Home to Mercer County Farm and on his motion seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairman Vann presented the following appointments for approval:

- a. IMRF Agent – Jayne Fitzsimmons McWhorter / Pappas VVAAMC
- b. 911 Board – Jeff Hill of Joy Fire Department, Rita Retherford EMT Jones / Rooth VVAAMC
- c. Mercer County Housing Authority – Rex Johnson 3 years, Robert Hoffman 3 years, Nancy Livingston 5 years, Vivian Brown 5 years McWhorter / Rooth VVAAMC
- d. Bay Island Drainage District – Mike Frieden 3 year term Gregg / Bell VVAAMC

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK

In other business, State Attorney Greg McHugh presented a Resolution to proceed with a suit against the State for nonpayment of reimbursement payments for the States Attorney, Public Defender and Assessor. He would like to have the resolution place on next month's agenda for discussion and possible adoption.

There was no public comment.

Motion to adjourn to November 3, 2015 by Board Member Rooth was seconded by Board Member Sindelar and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:55pm.