

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
May 3, 2016

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Member Anseeuw, Bieri, Bell, Jones, McWhorter, Rooth, Sindelar and Vann. Absent at roll call was Board Member Gregg and Pappas. Board Member Pappas arrived at 7:10pm.

Chairman Vann presented the minutes of the April 5, 2016 General Meeting and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board.

There was no Public Comment.

Michael Zecher of the Mercer County Farm Bureau addressed the Board regarding Agricultural Land Property Assessment Changes. He said that prior to 2013 farmland was assessed according to the soil makeup, with poor soil being at the lowest end and productive soil at the high end. This has resulted in a disproportionate amount at the higher level. Senate Bill 20 looks at the median range and puts a 10 % cap at the middle level to attempt to bring some equalization back to the farmland assessments.

Board Member Vann presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee 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 Transportation Committee and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Formal Contract Proposal / Bridge Project Greene Township 16-04128-00-BR and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Vann was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. He also presented an Agreement for County Engineers Salary and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES _____. He then presented a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of County Engineer's Salary and on the motion of Board Member Bell seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS 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 Rooth was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Sindelar presented the minutes of the Public Health Audit Committee and on the motion of Board Member McWhorter seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Jones presented the minutes of the Property Committee and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Bell was approved by vote of the Board. She pointed out the Hunting Lease was increased to \$2,500 with Austin Pinon being the winning bid. She presented the request by Aledo Main Street for Rhubarb Fest June 3rd and 4th and on the motion of Board Member Vann seconded by Board Member Rooth was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Pappas presented the minutes of the Finance Committee and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Pappas presented the Claims for payment as follows: General Corporate \$43,518.71, Public Health \$26,086.59, County Highway \$29,464.81, Federal Aid Matching \$8,049.74, Township Motor Fuel \$117,137.14, County Motor Fuel \$9,471.91, Township Bridge \$5,043.05, Highway Tiller \$476.92, Animal Control \$771.22, Pet Population \$467.00, Special Projects \$52.53, Law Library \$872.32, Liability Insurance \$6,384.45, Circuit Clerk Automation \$898.74, Recorder Automation \$7,005.00, Probation Fees \$2,721.14, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$461.42, Drug Crime Lab \$185.91, Assessor GIS \$69.98 for a total of \$259,138.58. On the motion of Board Member Sindelar seconded by Board Member Rooth roll call vote showed the following: Ayes 9, Nays 0. Motion carries.

Chairman Vann presented the following appointments:

Larry "Pete" Adams to Greene Township Fire Protection District Trustee for 3 years.

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Larry Rhodenbaugh to Sherrard Fire Protections District Trustee for 3 years.

Vann / Jones. VVAAMC

FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK.

Chairman Vann announced the resignation of Nate Nieman as Conflict Public Defender at the end of May. He asked for permission to advertise for the position and on the motion of Board Member Rooth seconded by Board Member McWhorter was approved by vote of the Board.

Bruce DeLashmit presented the Final draft of the County Board ByLaws and on the motion of Board Member Pappas seconded by Board Member Jones roll call vote showed the following: Ayes 9, Nays 0. Motion carries. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDING SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES _____. Board Member Pappas then announced that he was changing the time of the Finance Committee to 6pm beginning June 7th.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday June 7th at 7:00pm by Board Member Pappas was seconded by Board Member Sindelar and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:29pm.