

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
October 3, 2017

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7:28 p.m. (Late start as Finance Committee meeting ran over due to budget discussion.)

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Anseeuw, Bieri, DeFrieze, Frieden, Fullerlove, Hare, Hawn, Jones, Sarabasa, and Sindelar.

Chairman Sarabasa presented the minutes of the September 5, 2017 General Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Sindelar seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Laurie Bluedorn addressed the Board and asked the members to consider selling the County-owned farm in order to make money and eliminate the need to raise taxes.

Board Member Jones presented the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee and on the motion of Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee and on the motion of Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Local Funds – TR 136A over North Henderson Creek and on the motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK. He also presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Local Funds – TR 15 over Deerlick Creek and on the motion of Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK.

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

Board Member Sindelar presented the minutes of the Public Health Committee and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Hare presented the minutes of the Zoning Committee and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented an Amendment to Ordinance to re-zone property owned by Keegan and Cassandra Puls from AG1 to R-1 and on the motion by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE ZONING RECORD BOOK 3 PAGES _____.

Board Member Sarabasa presented the minutes of the 911 Board and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Jones presented the minutes of the Property Committee and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. She then advised the Board that the Property Committee is not in favor of selling the County-owned farm as the sharing of the well could potentially create more problems. She requested the Board take action on

the findings at the November meeting and on motion of Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the Finance Committee. He then presented claims for payment on October 15, 2017 as follows: General Corporate \$72,284.33, Public Health \$32,636.97, Veterans/Bogardus \$809.29, Community Mental Health \$12,450.00, County Highway \$17,168.19, Federal Aid Matching \$23,144.64, Township Motor Fuel \$101,582.60, Motor Fuel \$5,515.77, Animal Control \$1,362.22, Pet Population \$456.38, Special Projects AC \$343.11, Law Library \$873.79, Capital Improvements \$315.00, Liability Insurance \$7,685.06, Circuit Clerk Automation \$37,493.88, Probation Fees \$1,744.53, GIS Clerk \$163.89 for a total of \$316,029.65. A roll call vote of the Board approved the minutes and the claims as presented – 10 ayes, 0 nays. Board Member Bieri then presented the Mercer County draft budget for 2018 for approval. Motion to approve was made by Board Member Sarabasa and seconded by Board Member DeFrieze. Board Member Anseeuw voiced his opposition to the tax increase and how it would impact the citizens of the County. Motion was approved by vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 1 nay. Board Member Bieri then asked for a motion to post the draft budget for public viewing and on motion of Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Bieri then presented a Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Mercer ETSB and on motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES _____.

Chairman Sarabasa presented Dustin Marston for appointment as Drainage Commissioner for the Bay Island Drainage District for a 3-year term and on the motion of Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented Dan Sedwick for appointment to the Mercer County Board of Review for a 2-year term and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board. He also presented Terrie VanOpdorp for appointment to the Mercer County Board of Review for a 1-year term. Motion to approve was made by Board Member Fullerlove and seconded by Board Member Hawn. Board Member Fullerlove stated that Terrie VanOpdorp would only be able to serve on the Board of Review until December 31, 2017 as she was elected Mercer Township Assessor and would be assuming that role on January 1, 2018. He advised the Board that a Democratic nominee was needed to fill Ms. VanOpdorp's vacancy on the BOR and he suggested finding someone who could attend BOR meetings and learn what the position entails. Motion was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK.

Chairman Sarabasa presented the Addendum #08162017a to Professional Services Agreement #BW0914F between Mercer County and Bellwether, LLC. Motion to approve was made by Board Member Bieri and seconded by Board Member DeFrieze. Board Member Anseeuw suggested that the Board look into possibly cutting back on the services Bellwether provides to the County and only have them prepare the budget. He also mentioned checking with the firm of Bohnsack & Frommelt (County accountants) to have them prepare the budget. Board Member Bieri commented that he is pleased with the job Bellwether has performed for the County and that there are many factors to consider when preparing the budget many of which are beyond the control of the budget preparer. Board Member Sarabasa reiterated this sentiment. Board Member Fullerlove pointed out a discrepancy in the amount budgeted for Bellwether's services. He stated that the contract provides for \$6,000 per month plus \$500 per month for expenses plus an additional \$500 per month for additional services which equals \$84,000 per year (\$7,000 x 12 months); however, only \$78,000 (\$6,500 x 12 months) is budgeted for Bellwether's services. Bruce DeLashmit from Bellwether commented that the \$500 per

month for additional services comes out of the Circuit Clerk's budget (\$500 x 12 months = \$6,000). The motion was approved by vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 1 nay. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES_____. Chairman Sarabasa then presented a Resolution for Deed of Conveyance 13-13-22-421-004 to the City of Keithsburg for \$423.00 and on the motion of Board Member Hawn seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by vote of the Board. Chairman Sarabasa then presented the updated Board Member contact information and committee assignment changes which were implemented due to Joe Vann's passing and the re-structuring of the Board. Board Member Jones stated that upon review her phone number was listed incorrectly on the contact list. Board Member Sindelar noticed that her phone number had inadvertently been left off the contact list and she provided her cell phone number. Clerk Blaser stated that she would make the necessary changes and provide updated member contact lists at the November meeting.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00pm by Board Member Jones was seconded by Board Member DeFrieze and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:53 p.m.