

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
November 7, 2017

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

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 October 3, 2017 General Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board.

There was no public comment.

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

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the Transportation Committee and on the motion of Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Joy Road (CH 9) and on the motion of Board Member Jones was seconded by Board Member Frieden. Board member DeFrieze asked why Joy Road wasn't being resurfaced at this time. Board Members Bieri, Jones, Frieden and Sindelar reported that there are many pre-construction projects which need to be completed before resurfacing can be done (i.e. replacing/installing culverts, etc.). The motion was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE HIGHWAY RECORD BOOK.

Board Member Sarabasa proposed an adjustment to remove the items for Zoning and 911 Board as they were erroneously included on the Agenda and on his motion seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board.

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 Hawn was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Jones presented the decision of the Property Committee to not sell the county-owned farmland and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove was seconded by Board Member Bieri. Some Board Members asked for clarification as to why the Committee had chosen not to sell the property and Board Member Jones advised that the Property Committee is not in favor of selling the County-owned farm due to a host of issues (sharing the well, right-of-way access, attorney fees, etc.). The motion was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Bieri presented the minutes of the Finance Committee and on the motion of Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented claims for payment on November 15, 2017 as follows: General Corporate \$68,503.50, Public Health \$57,475.19, Veterans/Bogardus \$496.96, County Highway \$23,438.73, County Bridge Aid \$5,146.34, Federal Aid Matching \$28,533.67, Township Motor Fuel \$75,315.13, Animal Control \$1,153.51, Pet Population \$1,511.50, Special Projects AC \$152.40, Law Library \$873.79, Liability

Insurance \$6,447.56, Circuit Clerk Automation \$1,739.94, Probation Fees \$2,140.63, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$416.89, Treasurer Collector Fund \$200.00, Assessor – GIS \$14,340.00, GIS Clerk \$7,260.95 for a total of \$295,146.69. On the motion of Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 10 ayes, 0 nays.

Chairman Sarabasa presented Mary McClellan for reappointment as Supervisor of Assessments for a 4-year term and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE APPOINTMENT BOOK.

Chairman Sarabasa presented the 2018 Budget and Appropriation Resolution for approval and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 1 nay. FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SEE MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOK J-2 PAGES_____. Chairman Sarabasa then presented the 2018 Statement of Tax Levies and Resolution and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 2 nays. He then presented the First Amendment to Agreement for Provision of Inmate Health Services and on the motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by vote of the Board. Chairman Sarabasa then presented the Resolution for Deed of Conveyance 13-13-26-115-001 in Keithsburg Township to Robert L. Davis and Heather Davis for \$456 and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Resolution for Deed of Conveyance 12-12-13-423-007 in Rivoli Township to James LaCamera for \$5,000 and on the motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 1 abstention. He then presented the Resolution for Deed of Conveyance 07-08-30-402-019 in New Boston Township to Jason L. Guile for \$1,200.01 and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Resolution for County Holidays for 2018 and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

There was no correspondence.

In other business, Board Member DeFrieze inquired as to how to enact a noise ordinance for the County. There was much discussion amongst Board Members, Sheriff Staley, State's Attorney Lee, and Bellwether as to what steps needed to be taken to enact such an ordinance. It was determined that decibel meters would be needed. Bruce DeLashmit looked up the cost of a decibel meter and stated that one could be purchased for around \$60. Bruce DeLashmit then broached the subject of the use of electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) by Board Members during meetings. He and State's Attorney Lee stated that they have researched the subject and there is case law stating that use of such devices is a violation of the Open Meetings Act and that any device(s) used are subject to FOIA requests. Chairman Sarabasa suggested Board Members put their cell phones on silent and, if a call is received that they must take, they step out into the hallway. State's Attorney Lee advised Board Members to leave their cell phones in their cars for the duration of the meetings (finance and board) to avoid any potential conflicts completely. With regard to the Board Member contact sheet, Board Member Hare updated his cell phone number.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00pm by Board Member Fullerlove was seconded by Board Member DeFrieze and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:32 p.m.