

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
December 5, 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 stated that #12 on the agenda was going to be scratched.

Chairman Sarabasa presented the minutes of the November 7, 2017 General Meeting and on the motion of Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Bieri 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 Sarabasa. Board Member DeFrieze asked who was financially responsible for the care of Thor (recently retired K9 officer). Sheriff Staley reported that Thor's care will be covered as though he were a human officer that retired. Board Member Jones congratulated Sheriff Staley and Officer Zach Devlin for their efforts to find alternative ways to pay for psychological services for inmates. After questions/comments, focus returned to the motion to accept minutes which 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 Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Supplement #1 – TR 228 over North Pope Creek and on the motion of Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Frieden 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 Bieri seconded by Board Member Jones 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 Jones seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Fullerlove asked for a motion to accept the insurance plan as presented by Precise Benefits Group. Board Member DeFrieze asked Bruce DeLashmit (Bellwether) about the insurance coverage for the Public Health Department and why the numbers for Public Health were different than the numbers for other departments. Bruce responded that it was an allocation issue rather than an insurance issue. He stated that the spreadsheet used to calculate insurance payments would be revised to clear up any confusion. He also stated that Public Health would continue to pay the amount they have been paying (\$12,906.00) because that is the amount that was budgeted for them. Carla Ewing, Public Health Director, then spoke regarding the spreadsheet she developed to assist in understanding the insurance discrepancies. Board Member Sarabasa made a motion to accept the insurance plan from Precise Benefits Group seconded by Board Member Bieri 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 Ordinance for Rezoning to C-1 Commercial District for Glenda Maynard and on the Motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented an Ordinance granting Conditional Use for Portable Potty business to Glenda Maynard and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Frieden; Board Member Anseeuw raised the question as to why Ms. Maynard would want to renew on a yearly basis; Board Member Sindelar asked for clarification as to what type of business Ms. Maynard was starting; motion was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Hare then presented 2.32 acres for Rezoning AG-1 to R-1 of the Mary E. Lloyd Estate c/o Carolyn Makoben, Ind. Executor and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented 5.03 acres for Rezoning AG-1 to R-1 of the Mary E. Lloyd Estate c/o Carolyn Makoben, Ind. Executor and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. He also presented 1.56 acres for Rezoning AG-1 to R-1 for Blue Corn LLC / Barry Davison and on the motion of Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hawn 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 Jones was approved by vote of the Board. He then presented claims for payment on November 15, 2017 as follows: General Corporate \$54,470.42, Public Health \$35,673.17, Veterans/Bogardus \$150.55, County Highway \$24,104.55, County Bridge Aid \$6,839.73, Federal Aid Matching \$43,053.95, Township Motor Fuel \$40,438.49, Animal Control \$317.76, Law Library \$873.79, Liability Insurance \$164,040.94, Circuit Clerk Automation \$10,761.26, Probation Fees \$4,618.56, Treasurer Collector Fund \$1,250.00, GIS Clerk \$1,250.00 for a total of \$388,011.17. On the motion of Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 10 ayes, 0 nays.

Chairman Sarabasa asked for a motion to go into closed session for an Employee Issue per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and on the motion of Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board. Board entered closed session at 7:28 p.m.

Board Member DeFrieze made a motion to end closed session seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board. Board reconvened in open session at 7:43 p.m.

There was no correspondence.

In other business, Bruce DeLashmit suggested switching to a consent agenda format for future meetings. Board agreed to try it. Consent agenda will be used for January meeting.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00pm by Board Member Sarabasa was seconded by Board Member Jones and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:53 p.m.