

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

January 2, 2018

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, Jones, Sarabasa, and Sindelar. There was a quorum present.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to approve the resolution of State's Attorney for Appellate Prosecutor by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the resolution for interfund borrowing for the Liability Fund by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the resolution for interfund borrowing for the General Fund by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the agreement between the City of Aledo and Mercer County Animal Control by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Bieri; Board Member Sindelar inquired as to what the agreement was for and was informed it was for the City to have animal control services. Motion was approved by vote of the Board. Bruce DeLashmit informed the Board that Carla Ewing (Public Health) had volunteered to be the Ethics Officer for the County. Board Member DeFrieze recommended naming an assistant to help with these duties; there was no further discussion on this. Motion to approve Harassment Policy / Ethics Officer (Carla Ewing) by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

There was no correspondence.

Board Member Bieri requested that claims be left out of the consent agenda as they require a roll call vote for approval. Motion for roll call vote to approve claims by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on January 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$51,425.06, Public Health \$36,675.29, Veterans/Bogardus \$964.00, Community Mental Health \$12,450.00, County Highway \$25,838.36, County Bridge Aid \$18,122.67, Township Motor Fuel \$75,376.06, Motor Fuel \$1,306.20, Animal Control \$14,663.54, Pet Population \$785.00, Special Projects Account \$292.50, Law Library \$873.79, Liability Insurance \$7,051.57, Circuit Clerk Automation \$5,010.59, Probation Fees \$1,944.82, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$465.88, Drug Crime Lab \$995.00, Assessor – GIS \$5,370.30, GIS Clerk \$277.62 for a total of \$258,888.25.

Board Member Jones spoke regarding the recycle bins located in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The bins have recently been removed and several people have called the Courthouse wanting to know why the County didn't pay its bill. The bins were brought in by the recycling committee which has been established for years. The County gave a contribution to the recycling committee toward the cost of the bins, but was not responsible for the entire bill. Board Member Jones stated that she spoke with Marty Herman (chairman of recycling committee) and he informed her that the company which owns the recycling bins raised their rates without warning and the recycling committee chose not to pay the increase; however, the County had already paid its portion (\$4,650.00) to the committee. Mr. Herman

stated that the recycling committee was researching other recycling vendors. He said if a new vendor could not be found the recycling committee would refund the \$4,650.00 to the County.

Board Member Anseeuw asked Sheriff Staley if he could do a report about the County's drug problem at the February meeting, specifically the number of meth arrests in the County. Board Member Sarabasa suggested that Sheriff Staley also report on the County's "revolving door" offenders. Sheriff Staley stated that he would put together a report for the February board meeting.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm by Board Member Bieri was seconded by Board Member Frieden and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:19 p.m.