

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
February 6, 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, Fullerlove, Hare, Jones, Sarabasa, and Sindelar. There was a quorum present.

There was no public comment.

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

Motion to approve the Insurance Committee minutes from January 29, 2018 by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board.

Bruce DeLashmit of Bellwether, LLC presented options to Board on how to catch up on the insurance claim back log that the County is currently facing with Group Administrators. He stated that the County has gotten behind because of large numbers of claims being turned in and a smaller amount of money budgeted to pay said claims. Options include borrowing from the Line of Credit to zero out the claim fund and start fresh by making larger payments to Group Administrators to our claim fund. He also presented options for employees who have received collection letters. For further information see copy of presentation attached at the end of these minutes.

Motion to enter closed session made by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board at 7:38 p.m.

Return to open session at 8:18 p.m.

Sheriff Staley reported that he has been approached by another county about housing its inmates. Motion to approve drafting intergovernmental agreement with other county made by Board Member Sarabasa and seconded by Board Member Jones. A short discussion ensued regarding whether this agreement would be worthwhile to the County. Motion passed by vote of the Board.

Motion by Board Member Bieri to approve the resolution authorizing an Anticipation Warrant against the 2018 Levy to the General Fund for the fiscal year 2018 seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion to approve resolution for Deed of Conveyance to Jeffrey McCue by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve resolution for Deed of Conveyance to City of Aledo by Board Member Sindelar seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board.

Bruce DeLashmit stated that the Department Heads have been discussing options for replacing the current Courthouse IT person (Robert Alden). He informed the Board that Alpha Omega (John Baker from Monmouth) who provides IT services to the Sheriff's Dept. and RK Dixon who provides IT services to the Probation Dept. have been contacted to review the Courthouse layout and work up bids for replacing the current equipment and moving forward with IT services. Sheriff Staley stated the Alpha Omega had been to the Courthouse already and Clerk Blaser informed the Board that Alpha Omega

was going to contact her regarding coming back on February 12th or 19th, when the Courthouse would be closed, to look at the set up in each office so as not to disturb normal day-to-day functions.

Board Member Bieri requested a motion to approve claims. Motion for roll call vote to approve claims by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on February 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$73,708.64, Public Health \$10,928.05, County Highway \$5,452.78, County Bridge Aid \$38,550.65, Federal Aid Matching \$25,483.66, Township Motor Fuel \$70,677.38, Animal Control \$923.91, Pet Population \$1,289.94, Law Library \$873.79, Liability Insurance \$11,507.24, Circuit Clerk Automation \$2,345.00, Recorder \$920.00, Probation Fees \$1,593.57, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$876.36, Treasurer Collector Fund \$219.00, Assessor – GIS \$1,764.00, for a total of \$295,113.97.

There was no correspondence.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00pm by Board Member Sindelar was seconded by Board Member DeFrieze and was approved by vote of the Board at 8:30 p.m.