

## MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

April 3, 2018

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 6:40 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Attorney James Zmuda from Califf & Harper PC was present to give an update on the litigation between the County and Genesis Medical Center.

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

Mercer County Recycling sent proposals to the Board for its review. Discussion ensued as to the need for a recycling drop off in the County since several municipalities already have recycling services for their residents. After much discussion, a motion to decline the proposals and request a refund of the \$4,650 paid to Mercer County Recycling made by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board.

Board Member Jones gave her recommendation that Aaron Kenney be approved to mow McClure Cemetery for 2018. Board members requested that she get at least 2 more bids before voting on Mr. Kenney's re-hiring. They also proposed that she talk to Matt Lower about the possibility of a Highway Dept. employee mowing the cemetery. This matter has been tabled until the May meeting.

Motion to enter closed session made by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. Entered closed session at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Hare to return to open session was approved by vote of the Board. Returned to open session at 8:13 p.m.

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 Fullerlove was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on April 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$54,655.89, Public Health \$11,750.62, Veterans/Bogardus \$23.99, Community Mental Health \$14,450.00, County Highway \$18,566.81, Federal Aid Matching \$14,175.44, Township Motor Fuel \$29,772.30, Motor Fuel \$21,518.74, Animal Control \$204.79, Pet Population \$1,264.00, AC Building Fund \$3,033.34, Law Library \$933.68, Liability Insurance \$7,753.69, Circuit Clerk Automation \$14,304.76, Probation Fees \$1,760.47, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$457.78, Assessor – GIS \$1,048.00, for a total of \$195,674.30.

There was no correspondence.

In non-action items, Board Member Jones reported that there are several street signs in the County that need to be replaced for 911 purposes. When the project was started, it was believed that funding would come from the 911 Board; however, that turned out to not be the case and the signs were

never put up. At the time, there were 118 missing signs. Board Member Jones stated that that number may have increased by now. She stated that the Transportation Committee has been researching ways to pay for the sign replacement (grants, etc.). Board Member DeFrieze stated that he had a contact person at IDOT and that he would get the information for Board Member Jones. Board Member Fullerlove stated that he knew of a program through the Iowa Prison System where the signs could possibly be made. He, too, was going to get information to Board Member Jones.

Bruce DeLashmit offered to stay after the meeting to talk to anyone who had any questions for him.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm by Board Member Sarabasa was seconded by Board Member Bieri and was approved by vote of the Board at 8:27 p.m.