

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

May 1, 2018

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Anseeuw, Bieri, DeFrieze, Frieden, Fullerlove, Hare, Hawn, 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 Fullerlove was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to enter closed session made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. Entered closed session at 6:53 p.m.

Motion by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Sarabasa to return to open session was approved by vote of the Board. Returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion to increase the salaries of Sheriff, Treasurer, and County Clerk by 1% per annum for 4 years (2019-2022) by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 1 nay.

Board Member Fullerlove reported that the Insurance Committee had met with Veritas Risk Services and that it was the Committee's recommendation that the County switch its health insurance provider from Precise Benefits Group to Veritas Risk Services. Motion by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion by Board Member Bieri to hire Alpha Omega to replace Robert Alden for IT services to the courthouse seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to accept resignation of Vicki Bull as deputy clerk in the County Clerk's office as well as Zoning Officer by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion by Board Member Fullerlove to accept the bid from Aaron Kenney for mowing McClure Cemetery seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion for roll call vote to approve claims by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on April 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$60,776.390, Public Health \$18,168.61, Veterans/Bogardus \$535.22, County Highway \$47,215.73, County Bridge Aid \$632.00, Federal Aid Matching \$25,184.06, Township Motor Fuel \$124,289.87, Motor Fuel \$9,157.58, Township Bridge \$976.45, Animal Control \$558.16, Pet Population \$213.88, AC Building Fund \$173.50, Law Library \$933.68, Liability Insurance \$22,430.57, Circuit Clerk Automation \$295.80, Probation Fees \$1,396.73, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$125.88, Assessor – GIS \$749.73, Clerk – GIS \$501.19, for a total of \$314,315.03.

Motion to approve Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc.'s resolution/addendum to raise the minimum auction sale bid by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board.

Chairman Sarabasa read a letter from Bruce DeLashmit of Bellwether, LLC terminating the contract between Bellwether and the County. The Board thanked Bruce for his service. Chairman Sarabasa also stated that he had received a proclamation from Project Now naming May "Community Action Month". The proclamation was signed by Chairman Sarabasa and Board Member Fullerlove was going to return the proclamation to Project Now.

In non-action items, Board Member Anseeuw stated that Effingham, IL had passed a resolution for a firearm sanctuary. He stated that in 2012 he obtained enough signatures to get Constitutional Carry on the ballot and it passed in Mercer County by 80%; more symbolic than anything else, but enough counties in the State passed it that it paved the way for concealed carry. Chairman Sarabasa stated that he had been approached by Board Member Hawn about the idea of a firearm sanctuary. He asked Board Member Anseeuw to gather more information and present it to the Board.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm by Board Member Sarabasa was seconded by Board Member DeFrieze and was approved by vote of the Board at 8:41 p.m.