

## MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2018

Board convened at 8:28 a.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Motion to hire the firm of Bohnsack & Frommelt as new County Administrators by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Fullerlove. Prior to voting, Board Member Fullerlove inquired as to whether the previous financial services provided to the County by Bohnsack & Frommelt (audit prep) would be included in their duties as Administrators. Sarah Bohnsack was present and stated in the affirmative that that would be the case. Motion was approved by vote of the Board.

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

Motion for roll call vote to approve claims by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 6 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on June 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$49,481.66, Public Health \$32,087.03, Veterans/Bogardus \$91.98, County Highway \$19,079.32, County Bridge Aid \$5,756.60, Federal Aid Matching \$41,059.15, Township Motor Fuel \$111,645.55, Motor Fuel \$4,427.36, Highway Tiller \$303.12, Animal Control \$1,627.45, Pet Population \$650.12, AC Building Fund \$5,000.00, Law Library \$933.68, Liability Insurance \$8,804.57, Circuit Clerk Automation \$910.80, Probation Fees \$3,403.66, Drug Crime Lab \$56.00, Assessor – GIS \$117.36, for a total of \$285,435.41.

Motion to hire Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard & Company, LLC to perform the annual audit by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

State's Attorney Lee spoke to the Board regarding the Theodore Roosevelt statue located on the courthouse lawn. Her office has been receiving emails from Richard Rist, president of The Large Art Company, concerning the outstanding balance due on the statue. Mr. Rist is claiming that the County is liable for the remaining balance. This issue was previously brought before the Board in December 2014 and was thought to have been resolved. State's Attorney Lee stated that Ron Jutkins, a Roosevelt Military Academy alum, had commissioned the statue and the County merely provided a space on the courthouse lawn for its location and did not have any part in commissioning the statue. The Large Art Company is demanding the County pay the remaining balance due or they will repossess the statue. Motion to send letter to The Large Art Company advising them to take back the statue by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to approve the prevailing wage ordinance for 2018-19 by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

In non-action items, Clerk Blaser informed the Board that there were two candidates who applied to replace Vicki Bull as Zoning Officer. She stated that the resumés would be given to the Zoning Committee so a replacement could be chosen.

**Board Member Jones reported that she and Board Member Hare had each donated money to purchase plants which she then planted in the large pot on the west side of the courthouse. She thanked the janitor at the courthouse for keeping the plants watered.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member was seconded by Board Member and was approved by vote of the Board at 8:41 a.m.**