

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

July 5, 2018

Board convened at 7:00 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Marvin and Janine Thirtyacre had been listed on the Agenda, but called Clerk Blaser that morning to cancel saying they were gathering more information and would request time with the Board at a later date.

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

Board Member Anseeuw discussed the Resolution to make Mercer County a gun sanctuary. He stated that passing the resolution would send a message to the State of Illinois to not pass laws infringing on citizens' 2nd Amendment rights. Sheriff Staley stated that he was in support of law-abiding citizens having the right to own guns. Board Member Sarabasa clarified that it would not create an influx of weapons in the County, it would protect the rights of gun owners already living in the County. Motion to approve the Resolution making Mercer County a gun sanctuary by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion for roll call vote to approve claims by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on July 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$50,331.15, Public Health \$16,232.04, Veterans/Bogardus \$46.58, Community Mental Health \$12,450.00, County Highway \$11,309.64, County Bridge Aid \$915.75, Federal Aid Matching \$5,532.11, Township Motor Fuel \$85,841.65, Motor Fuel \$5,860.83, Highway Tiller \$460.22, Animal Control \$680.88, Pet Population \$1,505.81, Law Library \$1,433.06, Liability Insurance \$156,730.17, Probation Fees \$1,505.01, Assessor – GIS \$1,445.87, State's Attorney Automation \$2,900.00 for a total of \$356,891.87.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Request for County Aid to Bridge Funds for Mercer Township project by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds for the payment of the County Engineer's salary by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the Resolution extending line of credit to September 1, 2018 by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to enter closed session by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board. Entered closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion to return to open session by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. Returned to open session at 7:23 p.m.

Motion to accept previous closed session minutes as written and release the May 1, 2018 closed session minutes to the public by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Sindelar was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Bieri was seconded by Board Member Hawn and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:26 p.m.