

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**October 2, 2018**

Board convened at 6:30 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Prior to a motion being made to approve the consent agenda, Board Member Jones requested that the re-appointment of Bob Millikan to the ETSB (911) Board be moved out of the consent agenda for discussion. The Board agreed to move this item and a motion to approve the consent agenda by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Bev Lower presented information from Viola Telephone Company regarding the use of the fiber optic internet that has been brought to the Courthouse. Discussion ensued regarding the length of the contract (6 months) and concerns of what happens after the initial 6 months is over (cost increase, etc.). Several questions were presented as to whether Viola Telephone is going to install the fiber optic, set up the servers, etc. at no additional cost to the County. Board Member Bieri suggested a Communications Committee be set up to address issues such as internet, phones, security cameras, etc. The Board agreed to table the discussion until the November meeting so all Board Members could have a chance to review the proposed internet contract from Viola Telephone Company.

The issue regarding the re-appointment of Bob Millikan to the ETSB (911) Board was then discussed. Board Member Jones stated that she disagrees with Mr. Millikan's re-appointment to the ETSB (911) Board. Chairman Sarabasa requested that the Board come up with a replacement for Mr. Millikan. Several board members echoed Board Member Jones' feelings that Mr. Millikan should not be re-appointed. Board Member Fullerlove expressed his concern that the decision to not re-appoint be made on performance, not personal feelings. He was assured by several members that Mr. Millikan's performance as a member and as chairman of the ETSB was the basis for the denial. Board Member Jones made a motion to deny his re-appointment seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board with Board Member Fullerlove abstaining. Chairman Sarabasa reiterated that a replacement needed to be presented at the November meeting.

Motion was made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze to enter closed session was approved by vote of the Board. Board entered closed session at 7:14 p.m.

A motion to re-enter open session was made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze. Re-entered open session at 7:47 p.m.

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 – 9 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on October 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$51,737.47, Public Health \$21,268.81, Veterans/Bogardus \$51.98, Community Mental Health \$12,450.00, County Highway \$10,199.71, Federal Aid Matching \$4,267.27, Township Motor Fuel \$125,316.37, Motor Fuel \$22,821.63, Animal

Control \$1,368.55, Pet Population \$197.00, Law Library \$950.91, Liability Insurance \$7,517.57, Probation Fees \$1,995.16, Assessor GIS \$705.30 for a total of \$260,847.73.

Motion was made by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member DeFrieze to accept the Mercer County draft budget for 2019. The motion was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion was made by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Sindelar to post the Mercer County draft budget for 2019. The motion was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion was made by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member DeFrieze to accept the bid from Advanced Correctional Health for inmate health services. The motion was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to approve the bid for tree and stump removal and cleanup was made by Board Member Jones seconded by Board Member Hare. Board Member Bieri clarified that the motion was for \$3,950.00. Discussion ensued regarding where the payment was being made from (Sheriff's Dept., PBC). Board members were in disagreement as to what was discussed by Sheriff Staley at the finance meeting. State's Attorney Lee made a phone call to Sheriff Staley to get clarification. Motion to table the discussion until the November meeting was made by Board Member Bieri seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board.

Clerk Blaser brought up the issue of Platting Officer. She stated that she had found that Rick Regnier has only been paid three times (in 2015) for services rendered as platting officer. Board Member DeFrieze asked whether the County had to have a separate platting officer or if the zoning officer could perform both jobs. Motion by Board Member DeFrieze to table the discussion seconded by Board Member Bieri was approved by vote of the Board. State's Attorney Lee stated that she would have her paralegal research the issue of whether we have to have a platting officer and if the zoning officer can do both jobs and report back to the board

There was no other business.

Motion to adjourn to Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member DeFrieze was seconded by Board Member Bieri and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:56 p.m.