

## MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

December 3, 2018

Board convened at 6:42 p.m.

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

Board Member Jones spoke on behalf of the Properties Committee regarding the hunting ground lease. She stated that the committee had chosen to accept the bid of \$2,200 per year submitted by Robert Walter of Seaton. The lease will be in effect for 3 years starting in March 2019. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Fullerlove and was approved by vote of the Board.

Claims were approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on December 15, 2018 are as follows: General Corporate \$57,038.15, Public Health \$28,206.87, Veterans/Bogardus \$134.29, County Highway \$20,245.82, Federal Aid Matching \$1,825.25, Township Motor Fuel \$26,567.26, Motor Fuel \$6,412.14, Township Bridge \$286.20, Animal Control \$1,465.35, Pet Population \$1,957.06, Special Projects Account \$525.12, Law Library \$959.66, Liability Insurance \$167,856.35, Probation Fees \$2,277.49 for a total of \$315,757.01.

Motion to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds for Payment of County Engineer's Salary made by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Jones was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by vote of the Board.

It was at this point in the meeting that the retiring Board members (Anseeuw, Bieri, Jones, and Sindelar) were thanked for their service on the Board. The newly elected Board members (Flowers, Gregg, Moreland, and Rind) were sworn in and proceeded to take their seats at the table. Motion for Carlos Sarabasa to be Chairman of the Board made by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Fullerlove was approved by hand vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention. Motion for Ron Fullerlove to be Vice Chairman of the Board made by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by hand vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

Board Member Fullerlove presented the recommendations of Veritas Risk Services for the proposed health insurance for the County. Veritas recommends that the County stay self-insured at this time using Maestro as a TPA and AMPS reference-based pricing. The new Board members were given an overview as to the issues the County has been facing with PBG and Group Administrators. A motion to accept Veritas' recommendations was made by Board Member Fullerlove seconded by Board Member Hare and was approved by vote of the Board.

**On the matter of the possible conflict of interest, Chairman Sarabasa stated that he would like to move the issue to the agenda for the January board meeting due to the absences of Board Member DeFrieze, State's Attorney Lee, and Bohnsack & Frommelt.**

**There was no other business.**

**Motion to adjourn to Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Sarabasa was seconded by Board Member Frieden and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:15 p.m.**