

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2019**

**Board convened at 6:50 p.m.**

**Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members DeFrieze, Flowers, Frieden, Gregg, Hare, Moreland, and Sarabasa. There was a quorum present.**

**During Public Comment, Jean Cushman (title searcher) expressed her concerns about the staff shortage in the Recorder's office. Currently, there is only one person in the office. Ms. Cushman is worried that documents are not being recorded and proofed properly.**

**Chairman Sarabasa officially announced Buck Rind's resignation and stated that the Republican party is looking for a candidate to appoint in his place. He then introduced Linda Koepke as Ron Fullerlove's replacement. Clerk Blaser then swore Ms. Koepke in and she took her place at the table.**

**Motion to accept the consent agenda made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Motion to approve claims by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays (Board Member DeFrieze left the meeting at 7 p.m.). The claims presented for payment on September 15, 2019 are as follows: General Corporate \$50,353.00, Public Health \$39,620.73, Veterans Bogardus \$338.04, County Highway \$20,558.88, County Aid Bridge \$14,651.24, Federal Aid Matching \$16,032.78, Township Motor Fuel \$138,494.63, Motor Fuel \$14,622.58, Animal Control \$195.82, Pet Population \$50.00, Law Library \$2,741.78, Liability Insurance \$14,901.02, Probation Fees \$1,401.86, Drug Crime Lab \$75.00, GIS Clerk \$62.95, State's Attorney Automation \$478.00 for a total of \$297,297.67. There was then a motion to accept the Resolution for Deed of Conveyance 16-16-36-414-001 in Mercer Township to Suzanne Magee for \$950.65 by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Gregg. The motion was approved by vote of the Board.**

**In other business, Ron Fullerlove stated that he had not had time to look at the time management information given to him by Bev Lower, but he would do so soon. He also stated that he and Board Member Gregg met with township assessors who expressed their concerns over the lack of a County inspector. Chairman Sarabasa stated that if the matter is pursued the potential inspector needs to be licensed, bonded, and insured. Discussion ensued. Ron then stated that will be looking at the jail and annex buildings and speaking to contractors to put together a feasibility study on moving County offices. Board Member Frieden mentioned that Kyle McEwen from Mercer County Better Together had sent him some possible grant leads which Board Member Frieden gave to Ron.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board at 7:15 p.m.**