

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**November 5, 2019**

**Board convened at 6:31 p.m.**

**Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Flowers, Frieden, Gregg, Hawn, Koepke, and Sarabasa were present. Board Members DeFrieze, Hare, and Moreland were absent. There was a quorum present Board Member Moreland arrived at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Kyle McEwen, George Howard, Dusty Terrill, Bev Lower, Teresa Smith, Kristin Relander, Jennifer Hamerlinck, Matt Voigts, Ron Fullerlove, and Sara Blaser.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Chairman Sarabasa stated that the Republican party recommended Tad Nelson as Buck Rind's replacement for County Board District 3. Clerk Blaser then swore Mr. Nelson in and he took his place at the table.**

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

**Motion to approve claims by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on November 15, 2019 are as follows: General Corporate \$78,049.53, Public Health \$47,398.16, Veterans Bogardus \$1,153.43, County Highway \$16,081.13, County Aid Bridge \$1,153.60, Federal Aid Matching \$216,166.94, Township Motor Fuel \$257,575.35, Motor Fuel \$14,747.57, Township Bridge \$304,354.39, Animal Control \$1,434.70, Pet Population \$2,178.87, Special Projects Account \$270.45, AC – Building Fund \$882.03, Law Library \$1,115.94, Liability Insurance \$15,696.10, Probation Fees \$2,440.59, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$307.69, Drug Crime Lab \$75.00 for a total of \$961,081.47. Discussion then turned to the draft 2020 Budget. It was mentioned that there is no specific line item included for employee Sun Life policies. Assistant State's Attorney Voigts advised the Board to wait until the State's Attorney's office provides a definitive answer. After much discussion, a motion to table the draft budget until the December meeting was made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Hawn – motion was not voted on. A motion was then made to post the draft budget for public viewing and amend it in December with the Sun Life line item by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Gregg, and was approved by vote of the Board. Board Member Sarabasa then made a motion to post the draft budget it was seconded by Board Member Koepke and approved by vote of the Board.**

**Motion to accept the Resolution for Appellate Prosecutor by Board Member Hawn seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Motion to accept the Resolution for 2020 County Holidays by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Entered closed session at 6:55 p.m.**

**Re-entered open session at 7:23 p.m.**

**In other business, Ron Fullerlove updated the Board on his list of projects/issues. He stated that he was waiting to hear back from contractors regarding possible renovations at the jail annex. He also stated that he had received a letter from the law firm for the PBC stating that ADA compliance/updates to the Courthouse building will not be required if the elevator is repaired/replaced unless the building is deemed unsafe. Board Member Gregg asked if Board Members could tour the jail annex and Ron said that he would work on getting a date set up. Ron reported that he is pursuing bids for new copy machines for the Courthouse. He is also working with the Dept. Heads to have them present to the Board so the Board can get a clearer picture of what each department does.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board at 7:39 p.m.**