

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 7, 2020**

Board convened at 6:51 p.m.

This meeting was held via telephone conference. Roll call showed the following members present via telephone: Board Members DeFrieze, Frieden, Gregg, Hare, Hawn, Nelson, and Sarabasa. Board Members Flowers, Koepke, and Moreland were absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Dusty Terrill, Bev Lower, Kristin Relander, Meeghan Lee, Carla Ewing, Teresa Smith, Mary McClellan, Cala Smoldt, Jim Taylor, Ron Fullerlove, and Sara Blaser.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board. Motion passed.

Ron Fullerlove spoke on the issue of health insurance. He stated that he, Steve Moreland, and Sara Blaser had been discussing health insurance options with One Digital in order to get a new third-party administrator to replace Maestro. He reported that there had been multiple issues with Maestro's service. One Digital's recommendation is to switch to UMR, a subsidiary of United Healthcare. Ron advised the Board that he, Steve, and Sara had given One Digital authorization to switch and that the switch would be effective beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion to approve the claims as presented by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The claims presented for payment on April 8, 2020 are as follows: General Corporate \$65,528.59, Public Health \$10,137.68, County Highway \$25,386.57, County Aid Bridge \$43,120.94, Federal Aid Matching \$12,171.25, Township Motor Fuel \$92,837.17, Motor Fuel \$41,679.02, Township Bridge \$54.00, Animal Control \$506.74, Pet Population \$385.00, Law Library \$1,115.94, Liability Insurance \$20,414.64, Assessor GIS \$705.30, DUI Equipment \$525.00, Drug Street Value Fines \$219.00, Sheriff Crime Enforcement \$617.50 for a total of \$383,513.05.

Tad asked if the Courthouse was closed to the public. Ron advised that the Courthouse is open, but that the public is being asked to make appointments with the specific department they need to do business with. Temperatures are not being required at this time.

Carla Ewing addressed the Board regarding COVID-19. She advised that the Health Department is running on 50% staff with staff members rotating. She reported that there have been 38 negative tests, 2 positives, and 7 persons of interest (meaning those results have not come back yet). Angie Litterst has been working diligently to acquire PPE supplies for first responders, etc. There is a possibility for FEMA reimbursement for COVID-19

expenses. Angie has been sending emails out about same. Carlos asked if the meeting with County and City of Aledo officials was beneficial and she responded that there was good communication between all involved to get a plan together for the County and community. He also asked if the County would be receiving any quick turn-around (48-hour) COVID tests. Carla stated she was unsure if the County would be receiving any; however, she stated that some of the testing going on currently have had a 48-hour turn-around time.

All Board Members on the call gave Sara Blaser permission to sign the claims sheet on their behalf.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board at 7:05 p.m.