

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
May 5, 2020**

Board convened at 7:15 p.m.

This meeting was held via telephone conference. Roll call showed the following members present via telephone: Board Members Flowers, Frieden, Gregg, Hare, Hawn, Koepke, Moreland, and Nelson. Board Members DeFrieze and Sarabasa were absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Dusty Terrill, Bev Lower, 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 Moreland seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board. Motion passed.

Carla Ewing gave an update on the County's COVID-19 situation. She reported that there had been 10 positive cases and 173 negative cases. The number of daily tests statewide has more than doubled in the last 11 days to 14,500. She and her staff have been working hard to keep up with the CDC guidelines which seem to change on a daily basis. She advised the Board that the governor's stay-at-home order had been extended to the end of the month and that masks are now required to be worn. Board Member Flowers asked how the positive cases are being treated and Carla responded that those individuals are being quarantined for 14 days. Due to HIPAA regulations, she is not permitted to disclose the locations of the quarantined individuals.

The discussion on support for the Mercer County Senior Center was tabled to the June meeting pending Clerk Blaser finding past financial contribution information.

Motion to approve claims by Board Member Flowers seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 8 ayes, 0 nays. The claims paid on April 24th are as follows: General Corporate Fund \$32,614.09, Public Health \$27,708.05, Veterans/Bogardus \$93.18, County Highway \$5,518.41, Animal Control \$343.98, Liability Insurance \$17,661.62, Probation Fees \$244.10, Prisoner Liability \$1,130.55, Drug Street Value Fines – State's Attorney \$2,155.50, Crime Enforcement – Sheriff \$192.50 for a total of \$87,661.98.

Entered closed session at 7:26 p.m.

Re-entered open session at 8:17 p.m.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board at 8:21 p.m.