

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 4, 2020**

**Board convened at 6:56 p.m.**

**After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following members present: Board Members DeFrieze, Frieden, Gregg, Hawn, Koepke, Moreland, and Sarabasa. Board Members Frieden, Hare, and Nelson were absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Bev Lower, Dusty Terrill, Kristin Relander, Carla Ewing, Meeghan Lee, George Howard, Mark Bieri, Jim Taylor, Ron Fullerlove, and Sara Blaser.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board. Motion passed.**

**Mark Bieri was present to speak to the Board about the proposed Non-Highway Vehicle Ordinance. He gave each Board Member a packet of information he has compiled regarding the potential economic benefits related to approving the ordinance and allowing side-by-side vehicles to legally use county roads. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Board Member Frieden and seconded by Board Member DeFrieze. Some Board Members had questions and Board Member Chairman Sarabasa suggested that the Board Members review the packet of information and bring any questions and/or potential ordinance amendments to the September meeting. There were no other questions or comments. Upon approval of the motion, Mark advised the Board that his group would work with the County, the Highway Department, and municipalities in the County to get signage, map out routes, etc.**

**Motion to approve the claims paid in July by Board Member Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Gregg. Motion was approved by Roll Call vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays.**

**Motion to enter closed session by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. The Board entered into closed session at 7:15 p.m.**

**The Board re-entered open session at 7:32 p.m.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board at 7:34 p.m.**