

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
December 7, 2020

Board convened at 8:32 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Flowers, Frieden, Hawn, Koepke, Moreland, and Sarabasa. Board Members DeFreize, Gregg, Hare, and Nelson were absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Dusty Terrill, Carla Ewing, Bev Lower, Teresa Smith, Grace Simpson, 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 to approve the Finance Committee Actions as listed on the Agenda by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Sarabasa was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the claims as presented during the Finance meeting by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Blaser asked the newly-elected Board Members, Gary Anderson, Josh Frieden, Becky Hawn, Linda Koepke, and Kirby McLaughlin, to come forward and recite their oaths. After the new members were sworn in, they took their positions on the Board. The retiring members, Dan Hare, Dena Hawn, and Carlos Sarabasa, were thanked for their time on the Board. Clerk Blaser then asked for nominations for Chairman. Board Member Moreland nominated Board Member Frieden as Chairman with Board Member Koepke seconding it. Board Members voted unanimously by hand in favor of the nomination and Board Member Frieden was elected Chairman of the Board. Chairman Frieden then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Board Member Flowers nominated Board Member Moreland as Vice Chairman with Chairman Frieden seconding it. Board Members voted unanimously by hand in favor of the nomination and Board Member Moreland was elected Vice Chairman.

The items under New Business were voted on separately as follows:

- a. Motion to approve Resolution for Interfund Borrowing for FY21 by Board Member McLaughlin seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board.**
- b. Motion to approve Resolution for authorization of Anticipation Warrants for FY21 by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board.**

- c. Motion to approve the Resolution for Authorized Employee Holidays per Circuit Court Schedule by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.**
- d. Motion to approve the appointment of Janet Kay Occhi to the Merit Commission by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board.**
- e. Motion to approve the appointment of Matt Lower to be the Control Authority for noxious weed control under the direction of the Illinois Department of Agriculture by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board.**
- f. Motion to approve the Resolution to set the County Engineer salary at \$34,778.00 for 2021 by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board.**
- g. Motion to approve the Resolution to appropriate \$624,048.00 from Motor Fuel Tax for Highway Maintenance by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Flowers was approved by vote of the Board.**
- h. Aerial Mapping of Mercer County was tabled until the January 5, 2021 meeting.**
- i. Motion to approve the Resolution to issue Trustee Deed to Rome Keith, Sokheap Keith for purchase of Parcel 13-13-26-116-001 for consideration of \$1,500.00 by Board Member Flowers seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.**
- j. Motion to approve the Resolution to issue Trustee Deed to North Illinois Investments, LLC for purchase of Parcel 12-12-13-224-019 for consideration of \$851.00 by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member McLaughlin was approved by vote of the Board.**
- k. Motion to approve the Resolution to issue Trustee Deed to First Midwest Bank as Trustee, Land Trust No. 9618 dated 10/26/20 for purchase of Parcel 04-04-13-300-009 for consideration of \$7,110.00 by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board.**
- l. Board Member Hawn asked why departments couldn't decrease their levies to make up shortfalls in other departments. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve the FY21 County Budget with amendments discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 6 ayes, 1 nay.**

**Motion to enter closed session by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board. Board entered closed session at 9:00 p.m.
Motion to leave closed session by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Koepke was approved by vote of the Board. Board re-entered open session at 9:50 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Koepke seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board at 9:51 p.m.