

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2021**

**Board convened at 6:33 p.m.**

**Josh Frieden opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Anderson, DeFrieze, Frieden, Flowers, Gregg, Hawn, and Moreland. Board Members Koepke, McLaughlin, and Nelson were absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Dusty Terrill, Teresa Smith, Bev Lower, Kristin Relander, Carla Ewing, Mary McClellan, Grace Simpson, Ron Fullerlove, and Sara Blaser.**

**There was no public comment.**

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

**Motion to approve the HW Department action items as listed on the Agenda by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member DeFrieze was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the State's Appellate Prosecutor Attorney Contract by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Flowers was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the claims as presented during the Finance meeting by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 7 ayes, 0 nays.**

**Motion to approve new digital telephone system by Board Member Flowers seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Jim McIntyre from the E911 Board spoke on the GIS aerial mapping project. He stated that he had applied for grant funding and said that he received positive feedback from the State; he is hopeful that the grant will be approved. The E911 Board and the Supervisor of Assessments' office are hoping that the photography for the project will happen in March.**

**Discussion then moved to the proposed addition of a Pouring Liquor License. Ron reported that Accel Entertainment will own the gaming terminals at the 7-11 and that beer and wine will be only things offered. Beverages will be priced high to discourage consumption. Grace read the statute regarding the pour license and advised the Board that they would be setting a precedent by offering pour licenses. After much discussion, Chairman Frieden stated that the discussion would be continued at a future meeting.**

**Motion to enter closed session by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. Board entered closed session at 7:04 p.m.**

**Motion to leave closed session by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board. Board re-entered open session at 7:36 p.m.**

**Motion to dissolve the County Administrator position and terminate Ron Fullerlove as Zoning Officer effective February 5, 2021 by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member DeFrieze seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board at 7:38 p.m.**