

MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2019

Board convened at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Flowers, Frieden, Fullerlove, Gregg, Hare, Moreland, and Rind. There was a quorum present.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Kyle McEwen, Kirk Doonan, Bev Gray, and Carol Rogers from Mercer County Better Together spoke to the Board about what MCBT has been doing around the County and what it hopes to do in the future. They are actively working to include all areas of Mercer County in their planning and have been receiving positive feedback from those involved. They asked the Board how MCBT could help the County and what Board members would like to see MCBT do for the County. Board members were invited and encouraged to attend future MCBT meetings. MCBT stated that they hope to work with the County on future endeavors.

Sara Blaser spoke on the matter of the platting officer since Angie Litterst was unable to attend the meeting. She referred Board members to a letter written by Angie describing the need for a platting officer and that the County does not actually pay the platting officer's fees. The fees are collected from the party or property owner requesting a subdivision plat, and then passed on to the Platting Officer. The funds are not coming directly from the county or the taxpayers. Discussion ensued as to whether or not a platting officer was required. State's Attorney Lee reported that the Plat Act states that a platting officer is not necessary and the duties can be fulfilled by a surveyor. It was decided that the Board would check with Angie to see what the upcoming needs are and make a decision at the March meeting.

Motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Hill from the E911 Board made by Board Member Moreland and seconded by Board Member Frieden was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to accept additional minutes from the January 3, 2019 meeting made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to table time clock issue until March board meeting by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to approve claims by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Rind was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 6 ayes, 1 nay. The claims presented for payment on February 15, 2019 are as follows: General Corporate \$72,549.44, Public Health \$5,910.38, Veterans/Bogardus \$397.76, County Highway \$29,007.58, Federal Aid Matching \$9,999.25, Township Motor Fuel \$74,495.77, Motor Fuel \$8,728.57, Animal Control \$1,670.78, Pet Population \$1,503.43, Law Library \$950.91, Liability Insurance \$19,400.25, Probation Fees \$2,007.25, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$63.78, Assessor -GIS \$4,017.30 for a total of \$230,702.45.

Motion to approve the Ordinance RE: Interfund Borrowing by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Hare was approved by vote of the Board. Motion to approve the animal control agreement between the City of Aledo and Mercer County by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.

In other business, Montie Schell and Sara Blaser gave general information from the internet meeting held at the Courthouse on January 8. The discussion was limited since Bev Lower was not present to give a full update. Vice Chairman Fullerlove requested that the internet discussion be a continuing topic and asked that it be placed on the March agenda. Vice Chairman Fullerlove asked Montie Schell to give an update on the Courthouse elevator. Montie reported that he had been contacted by Effingham County, Illinois because they have the same elevator and it recently quit working. They had no plan in place for such an event and they were reaching out to see what our plan is. Montie reiterated his feelings that a plan needs to be put in place sooner rather than later. He invited the Board members to attend PBC meetings at the Jail Annex. He also referred Board members to a memo regarding ADA compliance as that will be a major issue if the elevator does go out of service.

Motion to enter closed session by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board. Entered closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Motion to return to open session by Board Member Moreland seconded by Board Member Rind was approved by vote of the Board. Returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion to open closed session minutes from January 3, 2019 by Board Member Gregg seconded by Board Member Rind was approved by vote of the Board.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Hare was seconded by Board Member Gregg and was approved by vote of the Board at 7:52 p.m.