

**MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Harrison, Michigan 48625
May 2, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioner Jerome Burger, Commissioner Donald David, Commissioner Jim Gelios, Commissioner Lynn Grim, Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, Commissioner Karen Lipovsky and Commissioner Leonard Strouse.

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Tracy Byard

Present Signing-In: Brett Hansen, Keith Wale, Lester Vida, Jim Keysor, Sarah Kile and Roxanne Nicholas

APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

It was moved by Commissioner Jerome Burger, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the agenda with additions as noted. Motion carried.

Board of Commissioners: Add, Under New Business, Magistrate Cell Phone Request

Committee of the Whole: Add, Under Finance, Flooring in Information Technology Office

Committee of the Whole: Add, Under Unfinished Business, Non-employee Network Access

Committee of the Whole: Add, Under Finance, Discussion about the Finance Committee Structure

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to approve the Board Minutes of April 18, 2012, as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Lynn Grim, seconded by Commissioner Jerome Burger, to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 18, 2012, as presented. Motion carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Kile, Prevention Coordinator for Ten 16 Recovery Network Clare County, provided handouts and a quarterly update on activities. She discussed the hazards and the on-going efforts to get the problem with "bath salts," a designer drug under control.

Keith Wale, the new director for the United Rescue Authority introduced himself to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

DNR – List of State owned mineral lands that are scheduled to be offered in the upcoming State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction on May 8, 2012, is available on the DNR website.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard reported that the Freedom Walk raised \$7000 and with previous donations money collected now exceeds \$10,000.00. Byard also reported that she and Lori Ware had attended a meeting with other counties, including Lake, Osceola, Wexford and Mecosta Counties to talk about collaborative efforts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Commissioner David introduced Karen Willing, who has replaced retired Magistrate Rick LaBoda. She has a PhD in management, was the Chief Assistant in the Clare County Prosecutor's office for approximately 4 years, and was a practicing attorney. She has already been implementing changes, and working closely with the courts in an attempt to get more money into the courts.

The State Auditor, Roxanne Nicholas, provided a detailed review and analysis of findings as she went over details covered on the Financial Statements Audit. She reported that Clare County is not unlike others; revenues are down with expenditures up slightly. Revenues were at \$9,700,000.00 while reported expenditures were \$10,400,000.00 with a remaining fund balance of \$1,400,000.00.

JUSTICE

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Jim Gelios, to approve the Prosecutor's Office Budget Adjustment #12-50 in the amount of \$500.00 for money received from PAAM for Victim Rights Week materials. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to approve Community Development Budget Adjustment #12-60 in the amount of \$449,100.00 to set-up for escrow accounts. Motion carried.

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PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Grim, to approve the Contract Agreement between the Clare County Board of Commissioners and Lapham Associates for Remonumentation Services with cost not to exceed \$27,603.00 and Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Jerome Burger, to approve the Administrator's Budget Adjustment #12-61 to increase revenue and increase expense in the amount of \$64,811.49. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Committee: The Committee met April 26th and a consensus was reached to recommend that the 2013 fiscal year budget be set at \$10,400,000.00. The Payroll Department would be assigned the task of gathering the financial information to determine what amount of the \$10,400,000.00 was required to be set aside to cover payroll and benefit obligations. The remaining balance would be the amount to be divided amongst the various departments.

Dispatch Committee: The Committee has not met for some time but the 9-1-1 Advisory Board did. The 9-1-1 Advisory Board discussed a potential need for a night-time supervisor. Decisions are being made that require full Board of Commissioner approval. Discussion continued about the Road Naming and House Numbering Ordinance.

Recess at 10:30 a.m. and back in session at 10:45 a.m.

CLERK'S REPORT

After an analysis of the Oakland County lawsuit and judgment in favor of Oakland County finding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in violation of transfer tax laws, Clerk Pamela Mayfield reported that the Michigan Department of Treasury finally provided their ruling and has advised Registers to be collecting the tax on all Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac documents recorded. An update was provided on the computer problems and software issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger reported that settlement checks were sent out to all townships. She noted that she is still looking into refunding bonds but still has a few questions to be answered before she makes a final decision; City of Clare is doing their own. She indicated that the Building Authority will need to be called together for this. In addition, the Treasurer indicated that she would be attending a conference to discuss a bill that changed the laws pertaining to personal residence exemptions for financial institutions holding foreclosure homes.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairperson David discussed the Road Naming and House Numbering Ordinance affirming his position stating that it was two years in the making; legal counsel was involved, it was discussed at MTA and all townships were fully informed on the matter. Most townships made it very clear that they did not want County interference. Townships have the authority and know what they need to do to correct any problem. He also indicated that there are new technologies coming up that will resolve the problems that now exist with duplicate road names and numbers.

Medical insurance issues were briefly discussed. With new laws, decisions will need to be made. He noted the ongoing problems with the Board laptop computer and stated that computer hardware and software requirements for the County require review. Capital improvements may be required to keep current.

Commissioner Leonard Strouse briefly stated with budgets just around the corner and foremost in the minds of many, when it comes to the budgeting process, based on what he is seeing and hearing, he would be making motions that secured mandated functions.

Commissioner Lynn Grim expounded on the "bath salts" epidemic and commended the Health Department for their action on the matter. She reported that Community Action Agency has agreed to be a pass through agency for the Veterans Department allowing them to apply for grants and other monies. There is also a growing need for foster homes as reported by DHS.

Commissioner Jerome Burger reported that the Lincoln tower siren was working well and that everyone is pleased.

PUBLIC COMMENT


Frank Myers expressed concerns and disappointment over budget issues and questioned recent wage increases for the Prosecutors office when there are budget concerns.


NEW BUSINESS

In a letter request, Magistrate Karen Willing asked for compensation for adding e-fax to her cell phone stating that it would make her job more efficient.

It was moved by Commissioner Jerome Burger, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to pay a one time fee of \$26.95 and a monthly fee of \$18.00 for Karen Willing's cell phone e-fax with money to come from the District Court budget. Motion failed 6 to 1 with Jerry being the only vote in favor of the motion.

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, meeting was adjourned at **12:03 p.m.**


Pamela Mayfield, County Clerk/Register
Clare County Board of Commissioners


Donald David
Clare County Board of Commissioners