

At the regular meeting of the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners held on Thursday March 16, 2017 in the Commissioner Chambers, Surbeck Building, Corunna, Michigan:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Root.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Invocation was offered by Commissioner Marks.

Roll Call found Commissioner Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff and Root present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bartz, seconded by Commissioner Marks to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Bruff to approve the bills listed on the Invoice Edit Report dated February 22, 2017, in the amount of \$118,568.55, Invoice Edit Report dated February 28, 2017, in the amount of \$224,302.46, Invoice Edit Report date February 28, 2017, in the amount of \$721,284.14, Invoice Edit Report dated March 01, 2017, in the amount of \$4,200,397.62, Invoice Edit Report dated March 03, 2017, in the amount of \$154,737.54, Invoice Edit Report dated March 08, 2017, in the amount of \$115,897.57, Invoice Edit Report dated March 11, 2017, \$118,911.84, Invoice Edit Report dated March 14, 2017, in the amount of \$487,432.30, Invoice Edit Report dated March 13, 2017, for \$104.27, Invoice Edit Report dated March 14, 2017, for \$103,181.10, a wire transfer for MERS in the amount of \$178,344.92 and a wire transfer for Blue Cross Blue Shield Self-Funded Health in the amount of \$209,304.00 both on February 28, 2017 as provided by the Clerk's Office and to authorize that warrants be drawn from the treasury for same. Motion carried with the following roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks and Root.

Deborah Cline, 3758 N. Baldwin, Owosso (see attached).

Matthew Shepard, Perry. Read excerpt from Title 42.

Will Wesley from ES&S spoke on company and election equipment.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize and place on file the Shiawassee County Drain Office 2016 Annual Report. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to appoint Brandon Kulhanek to the Shiawassee County Zoning Board of Appeals for the period of 03-16-17 to 12-31-20, or until a successor is appointed and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to appoint the following members to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group for the period of One year, Norman C. Caldwell, Retired, David Kenney, P.S. at Kraft Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Mark Powell, P.S. at Powell Land Surveying, PC, John Quine, P.S., Retired, John Rauser, P.S. at Rowe Professional Services Company, Mark Van Raemdonck, P.S. at Landmark Surveying, PC January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve Resolution #17-03-06 (attached) to adopt the MERS Hybrid Plan for the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Corrections unit effective March 1, 2017, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the MERS valuation request for benefit change for the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Corrections unit, in conjunction with the adoption of the MERS hybrid plan (see attached), at a cost of \$400.00, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the MERS Administrative Services Agreement regarding the treatment of pension benefits for County employees transferring into jobs with bridged benefits, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the 2016 budget amendments #16-17-4.4, #16-17-4.5, #16-17-4.7, #16-17-4.14, and 16-17-4.17. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize appointing Charles W. Dodge, LPC, CAADC, NCC, to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize appointing John Horvath to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board effective 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize reappointing Jeanne Ladd to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize reappointing Janelle Hughes, LMSW, to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bruff to authorize setting a Public Hearing date for Great Lakes Fusion Brownfield Plan to be held on April 20, 2017 at 5:05 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bruff to authorize release of the lien upon payment in full and mortgage discharge from the rehabilitation improvements on the property located at 623 Frazer Avenue, Owosso, MI 48817, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee

County and Landmark Surveying, P.C. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Bruff, Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli and Root. Nays: 0.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to authorize the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee County and Powell Land Surveying, P.C. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to authorize the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee County and Rowe Professional Services Co. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize setting a Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 29, 2017 at 5:05 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Economic & Physical Development Committee. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Coscarelli to authorize a contract with NetSource One to provide web/application development services to the County for a one-time cost of \$8,250.00 and annual website hosting fees of \$300.00 per year, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Bartz, McMasters, Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks, Holzhausen and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize the Friend of the Court in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office to hire a full-time Deputy to be assigned to the Friend of the Court Office to assist with child support enforcement. The Friend of the Court has access to state Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) grant funding that will pay 66% of the cost, with grant funding being sought to cover the remainder, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize the County Clerk's Office to hire one Deputy Circuit Court Clerk to refill a vacancy at a pay grade 3 on the Rye Salary Schedule with a range of \$24,774 to \$30,309, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to authorize the acceptance of a grant between the State of Michigan and the Shiawassee County Clerk's office to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators, accessible voting devices and related Election Management System software, in the amount of \$240,128.00 and authorize the Clerk to execute all necessary documents. Yeas: Bruff, Holzhausen, Coscarelli. Nays: Commissioner Marks, Bartz, McMaster and Root.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire a Deputy to fill a vacancy conditional on the approval of the assignment of a Deputy to the Friend of the Court's Office. The Deputy would be compensated under the existing bargaining unit contract rates. Yeas: Commissioner Marks, Holzhausen, Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff and Root. Nays: 0

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Finance & Administration Committee meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to authorize the Health Department to hire an intern for Personal/Community Health at a pay rate of \$12/hour with no fringe benefits and authorize Larry Johnson, Health Director, to sign all necessary documents. Yeas: Commissioner Bartz, McMaster, Coscarelli, Bruff, Marks and Root. Nays: Commissioner Holzhausen.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Bartz approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Health and Human Services Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Root mentions possibility of a special meeting on the election equipment but does not want Commissioner Coscarelli to miss out. The meeting would have to have an 18 hour notice posted.

Commissioner McMaster attended an Owosso City Council meeting. Gave report.

Les Schneider, Durand. VA concerns and Windmills.

Commissioner Bartz requested regular monthly updates on windmills

Matthew Shepard, Durand. Election equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Caroline D. Wilson  
Shiawassee County Clerk

Public comment: Deborah Cline on Thursday, March 16, 2017

I'm going to stick to my script because if I don't I might be like Donald Trump and go all over the place. I'm just going to read this to you and I do appreciate the Board of Commissioners time this evening. I'll just begin and read it. My name is Deborah Cline I'm from Rush Township and live on Baldwin Road. Mr. Bruff is my Commissioner and so I am here this evening to address the Board regarding the recent articles that have been in the local newspapers about the terminations in the Circuit Court Clerk's office. I just feel it is um the Board has a right to hear ya know my view point on what happened, I'm just going to state that for the record, I want to let you know that I am NO WAY is this a retaliation towards Caroline Wilson - it's just my side of the story and I just thought about this very hard and just felt that I wanted you to hear my side of the story. Um, first of all I want to give you just a little bit of information about my background. Um, so you know what my background experience job experience was. Um, this experience includes working for 2 Senate Majority Leaders in the Michigan State Senate for over 15 years after that I went on to work as a Judicial Assistant for an Ingham County Circuit Court Judge -Judge Rose Mary Aqualeena. I feel there I gained extensive court experience. My last Administrative support position before coming to the Shiawassee County Clerk's office was as Executive Assistant to the CEO at Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority not only did I report to the CEO there I also reported to their Board of Directors and worked extensively with the Board. So as you can see I came to the Clerk's office with extensive experience. Some might even say I was over qualified for the position in the Clerk's office. Um, I was hired by the former Shiawassee County Clerk, Lauri Braid in November of 2016. Um, it was a position, there was a position that um needed to be filled in the Circuit Court Clerk's office. Even though I'd had experience as a Judicial Assistant for a Judge I'd had not worked on the Clerk side of things so yes there was training that I needed, as I feel anyone does who starts in a new position. So I thought I was coming along fairly well in my training when Caroline um took office as Clerk in January this year. I just want to step back for a moment before Miss Wilson's arrival to the Clerk's office and just say that during the months of November and December I had heard and there were rumors going around that um Miss Wilson was going to be possibility of letting go some of the current employees in the Clerk's office and we realize those were just rumors -we didn't know ya know really what was going to happen. Um, in fact, mutual friends of mine and Caroline's um through those were mutual friends I'd had heard that she had been asking about my friendship with Lauri Braid. Um, I just want to let you know I have known Lauri for many years because I was a really close friend of her mother's - her mother was a dear friend of mine and through her mother of course I knew Lauri and I just want to let you know um you members know that I applied for a position in the Clerk's office many times before I was hired so I do not feel it was because of my friendship with Lauri that she hired me. There were 2 or 3 other incidences that I had applied and had not received a position. Um, so once Caroline took over the office in January, she gathered us together on

that first day and she asked us to keep the running the office running smoothly because she needed to get up to speed, which is understandable, and we really tried to do that. Um, during her 2<sup>nd</sup> weeks there she met with each Clerk individually just to discuss our backgrounds and at that time after I relayed my past job experience to her as I did with you this evening. I said to Miss Wilson if she were concerned about my loyalty to her that I could assure her that that would not be an issue. I explained that my professional ethics over 40 years dictated that I work hard and perform to the best of my ability to accomplish my job objectives and I also relayed to her that I believed it was my obligation and responsibility, as a Clerk in that office, to represent her and the office in a positive light - not only to the general public but to the other County offices and fellow employees. Um, so we had that discussion. Um, in the newspaper it was reported that Miss Wilson said she had assessed the office for a few weeks before making the determination to terminate me. Um, I wanted to just make 2 points to that. Um, Caroline seldom came over to the Circuit Court Clerk side of the office to do any assessment because she was very busy in her office which is located on the Vital Record side of the Clerk's office and also my termination occurred on January 1<sup>th</sup> which was only the tenth day of her tenure as Clerk and so as you can see this was not a few weeks of where any assessment took place, I felt. It was further reported that Caroline had determined that I was not able to assist her in taking the Clerk's office in the positive direction that she had promised the voters. How she had determined this in such a short period of time I do not know. Upon my termination, I asked her why she was letting me go was I not measuring up to the responsibilities of the job? She replied, I am the newly elected official - that's all she said. In conclusion, as my 40 year career in Administrative support comes to an end I am not willing to allow my good name and reputation to be tarnished. I know in my heart that I did my very best while working under Miss Wilson. I believe that her decision to terminate my employment was done in the name of politics because of my friendship with Miss Braid. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Chief Judge Clarkson, put that on the record, for granting my grievance by reinstating me in my position and by granting my lost compensation. I also want to say that Caroline treated me fairly upon my return to the office and while I was there. However, after being back for a few weeks in the Clerk's office, I made the decision to resign my position effective February 24<sup>th</sup>. I felt that if Miss Wilson felt that I was going to impede her progress, I did not want to be in her way. Also, to be honest with you all, the position that in the Circuit Court Clerk's office is very busy and at times it can be highly stressful and so I made the decision that it was a little more that I really wanted at this point in my career. So I want to be honest with you on that as well. As Miss Wilson has professed, I too am a woman of faith as I have shared with her. I want to say that I hold no ill will and I extend to her my best wishes for a successful tenure as Shiawassee County Clerk. I pray that she accomplishes all that she has set out to do in representing the people of our good county. I want to thank you all for your time tonight in

listening to me um and I ask, if possible, that um my comments be placed on the official record of the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners. Thank you all very much