

A Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board, held at the St. Louis City Hall, was called to order by Vice-Chair Kurt Giles at 5:30p.m., on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Kurt Giles, Bobbie Marr, Carmen Bajena,

Members Absent: Kevin Beeson (excused), Don Long

Others in Attendance: Fire Chief Rich Apps, Dick Prestage, Bill Coty, Brian Woods, Ralph Ectinaw – St. Louis Sentinel

**Minutes.**

Moved by Member Bajena, supported by Member Marr, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

**Public Comment.**

None

**Claims and Accounts.**

The Fire Board reviewed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Bajena, to approve the Claims & Accounts for May 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019 in the amount of \$67,410.25. All ayes carried the motion.

**Financial Statements.**

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of July 31, 2019 and placed on file.

**Fire Chief's Report.**

The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed, discussed, and placed on file.

There was additional discussion regarding radio towers and some of the future concerns with changes being proposed.

**Resolution 2019-03 - Approval of St. Louis Area Fire Department to Participate in the Gratiot Community Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Marr, and supported by Member Bajena:

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board a.k.a. St. Louis Area Fire Department has the power, privilege and authority to maintain and operate a fire department providing fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous incident response, and other emergency response services (“Fire Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Services can further be improved by cooperation between political subdivisions during times of public emergency, conflagration or disaster (“Incidents”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, 28, and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act No. 7 of the Public Acts of 1967, Ex. Sess., being MCL 124.501 et seq. (the “Act”), permit a political subdivision to exercise jointly with any other political subdivision any power, privilege or authority which such political subdivisions share in common and which each might exercise separately; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board desires to enter into an interlocal agreement, pursuant to the Act, to further improve Fire Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), is a mechanism that may be used for deploying personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency mutual aid response; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of entering into an interlocal agreement to further improve Fire Services, the Parties are creating the Gratiot County MABAS Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board has the authority to execute this Agreement pursuant to resolution of its governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board desires to commit personnel and equipment to another Party if deemed reasonable upon the request of another Party; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board a.k.a. St. Louis Area Fire Department finds it is the best interest of its citizens from a safety and fiscal standpoint to enter into the Interlocal Agreement creating the Gratiot County MABAS Division.

Ayes: Marr, Bajena, Giles

Nays: NA

Absent: Beeson, Long

Resolution declared adopted this 13th day of August, 2019.

**Other Business.**

None.

**Public Comment.**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Bobbie Jo Marr, Secretary