

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, July 14, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lehrke at 4:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call: Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke, Jim Hill.
Absent: none.

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Patrick to approved the agenda as presented. VVMC.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 6/23/2022 as presented. VVMC.

Public Comment:

Steven King – candidate for Commissioner Dist. 1 introduced himself and spoke briefly.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – requested \$15,000 for a new software program. She answered some questions the board had. After some discussion the board requested she get 2 more bids and present them at the next meeting. (bid attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell – requested the board approve a contract with former County Clerk Lori Johnston to help train the new Chief Deputy. After some discussion and questions, the board agreed on maximum of \$2,000 for the remainder of 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve this contract. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Hill, Patrick. NO: none. (contract attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell – presented the MEA contract for approval. This was an oversight and should have been done in January. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the MEA contract. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Patrick, Lehrke, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. (contract attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – gave an update on the Baby Garnet cold case; and they made an arrest and the case is coming to a close after 25 years. He also had a few comments about the purchasing policy and the preferred vendor section in the policy.

Emergency Manager Mike Kasper – informed the board that the grant for a new sheriff rescue boat is looking more promising and hoping to be approved for that.

Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes – spoke briefly on the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation grant for workforce training. There has been interest from the State of Michigan for marine grant projects. Also looking at more regional support for mobility corridors. (handout attached)

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – informed the board that the 2021 Audit went very well and that the county is sitting in a good financial position. In the end the 516 fund only had to give the general fund \$300,000 to balance the budget. Much less than the anticipated amount.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the board with a bid for the amount of \$42,861.05 for the replacement of 28 computers which covers the entire Courthouse. After some discussion it was decided that the computer purchase be done all at once and not in parts. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to go through with this bid and replace all the Courthouse computers. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: none. (bid attached)

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the board with a bid to replace the airport fuel credit card machine in the amount of \$18,885. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the purchase of the credit card machine for airport fuel charges. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. (bid attached)

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – requested the board approve the transfer of \$90,000 to the general fund from the CDBG grant. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Hill, Patrick.

New Business:
none

Old Business:
The Michigan Auto Reform resolution that was previously approved at the June 23, 2022 meeting was presented for final signature by the Chair. (resolution attached)

Additional Board Member Business:
Commissioner Krause informed the board that he received a call from the State regarding the Equalization office not being in compliance with some of the reporting and time frames. After some discussion, Commissioners Krause and Lehrke agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss these issues with Director Mike Gillett.

The board also agreed that the 2 Equalization employees could try to get their level 3 license and the county would cover these costs. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Patrick, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none.

Public Comment:

none

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$157,460.26 It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick, Hill. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the first list of manual bills for approval in the amount of \$86,429.59 It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the second list of manual bills for approval in the amount of \$308,429.26. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$56,990.13. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-17. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-19. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-18. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications: resolutions from Allegan, Berrien, Jackson, Gogebic, Calhoun, Eaton, Ontonagon, Delta, Livingston counties and May Animal shelter report.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk