

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, April 14, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 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. Absent: Jim Hill

Agenda Approval: amended agenda by adding Survey & Remont and Retirement Resolution for Pam Chipman under new business. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 3/24/2022. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of 4/4/2022. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Public Comment:

John Scheel candidate for 107th District introduced himself and gave some background information on his campaign.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Equalization Director Pam Chipman – presented the board with the 2022 Equalization report. She explained that values have increased significantly from 2021. And that low housing supply in the county and with the high demand the market has drastically changed. Estimated tax values go up when supply in demand is increasing.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – gave an update on the budget after the Equalization report. She also discussed the ARPA fund tax allowance that the Federal Government is allowing. This topic will be put on the next regular meeting agenda.

Chief Deputy Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard - gave an update on the ROD online indexing system.

Under Sheriff Ron Umbarger - informed the board that they are getting ready to sell the old patrol cars.

Emergency Services Coordinator Mike Kasper - told the board the emergency preparedness exercise took place. And he is in the process of planning active shooter training with the Mackinac Island Ferry services.

New Business:

Commissioner McPhee - presented the board with bids for the LMAS building furnace replacement. Bids are as follows: Mackinac Plumbing - \$14,000 and Belonga Plumbing - \$10,126.77. Discussion was had on the bids and the board chose Belonga Plumbing due to their bid being significantly lower. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve Belonga Plumbing bid for \$10,126.77. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Patrick, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bids attached)

Commissioner McPhee – presented the board with a bid for the LMAS building AC unit replacement. Only 1 bid was received. The bid was for Arnold Refrigeration - \$1,918. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the LMAS Building AC replacement bid from Arnold Refrigeration in the amount of \$1,918. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bid attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell- Presented the board with Pam Chipmans retirement resolution for approval. She has been employed with Mackinac County Equalization Dept for 15 years. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the retirement resolution. VVMC. (resolution attached)

Becky Paul – Survey & Remont requested the board approve the contract for these services. County received a grant in the amount of \$69,858 from the state. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the Survey & Remont contract. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Lehrke, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (contract attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Krause brought up possibly reducing the tax rate for the county. He explained since the county is in good financial shape that there might not be a need for excess taxes. Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau told the board that reducing the millage is possible but currently we are sitting where we need to be financially. She advised the board that this would not be a good decision.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$171,952.89. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$732,452.11. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$1,897.07. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-8 for moving approved ARPA funds to the General fund for Sheriff Dept cars. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-9 for VSO assistant wages, retiree pay-out and grant match for aeronautics. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, Krause, Patrick, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-10 for the 1% raise for non-union salary resolution. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (amendment attached)

Communications: February banking report, March Animal Shelter report, MSU April updates, and Iosco County resolution.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk