

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday April 20, 2023**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 in Board Room Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:33pm.

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

Roll Call: Corina Clark, Jodi Kaiser, Mike Patrick, Dan Litzner, Judy St.Louis-Scott.

**Agenda Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of 4/11/2023 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/11/2023 as amended. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

None

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Emergency Manager Mike Kasper** – flooding on west end of U.P., East Lake Road was closed due to rain and was poor road conditions. Also had fire exercise to burn an old house.

**Sheriff Ed Wilk** – Stonegarden grant money has doubled from last years amount. Still searching for employees. He suggested bringing the pension back to draw new employees in and retain them.

**Equalization Director Mike Gillett** – the Equalization is complete, and now working on the L4028. He requested to have his new hire moved up a pay step due to experience and qualifications. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to move the new hire to pay grade 8 step 2. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau** – presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial reports. (reports attached)

The tax foreclosure property list was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to refuse purchasing of any foreclosed properties by the county and send to auction. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: None. (foreclosure list attached)

The Treasurer also discussed the sale of property on Bois Blanc Island owned by the county. Value of this property is \$18,200. She will send a letter to the 2 interested parties at the asking price of \$20,000. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve sale of this property. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott NO: none.

**Clerk Hillary Vowell** – gave an update on the start of the Wage Study.

Clerk Vowell also presented the MIDC Attorney George Tschirharts contract for approval. Some corrections were noted. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize that Chair Patrick can sign the contract once the Clerk makes corrections. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (contract attached)

**New Business:**

**Mackinac Economic Alliance Director Chris Brynes** – presented the annual MEA report and spoke on current projects. Mackinac Marine Services received a \$3,000,000 grant to transfer ferry boats to electric. There needs to be upgrades to the power grid in order to accommodate this. (reports attached)

The MEA annual contract was presented for approval. Chair Dean Reid answered some questions. The MEA no longer has physical office space and questioned if they needed workman's comp liability insurance if there was not an office with employees. The board requested that the MEA provide the county with their financial statements. Clerk Vowell was asked to send the MEA contract to the County Attorney for clarification. (contract attached)

**Old Business:**

**Straits EMS Authority Mark Wilk** – was present to discuss loan options for the remaining funds to build the new EMS building. The board looked at loaning the remaining funds to the EMS Authority. They would like to break ground very soon. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to tentively loan these funds pending any legal opinions they receive at the MAC Conference. This matter will be put on the May 11 agenda for further review. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Veterans Service Board Chair Dick Pershinske** – was present to answer any questions. Discussion was had regarding the salary raise the Veterans Board had given the Veterans Service Officer. Clerk Vowell had on hand the opinion of the County Attorney they had requested at the previous meeting. The board placed a call to Attorney Bonnie Toskey during the meeting to help clarify her opinion. This matter was tabled until the May 11 meeting and Clerk Vowell will bring the salary resolution for any amendments.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$16,464.38. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$110,867.62. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$36,848.55. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

**Communications:** March Animal Shelter report and Schoolcraft County resolution.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk