

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, April 26, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

Roll Call: Jim Hill, Paul Krause, Dan Litzner, Bucky McPhee, Diane Patrick.
Absent: None.

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Hill with support by Commissioner Litzner to accept the agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of April 12, 2018. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018. VVMC

Public Comment: None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Undersheriff Ed Wilk informed the board that the sheriff department substation has moved to the Engadine High School; the sheriff department is reviewing security at LaSalle High School in St. Ignace and Cedarville Schools; and the DNR ORV Grant has been approved in the amount of \$24,500 for the operation and \$42,000 for a side by side or trailer.

Equalization Clerk Larsen informed the board that Equalization Director Chipman has hired Thomas Gerwood and his employment will start on May 3, 2018. Clerk Larsen informed the board of the Assessors meeting on May 7, 2018.

Old Business:

Road Match Monies – The board discussed the request from the Road Commission for a road match with the Road Commission, the County and the eleven townships. The money would be used for repair of roads and would not be paid out until the Township share is received. Chair Patrick read a letter from attorney Rich McNulty regarding use of County General Funds for Roads. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the road match request in the amount of

\$220,000 to be paid from the General Fund. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Letter attached)

Straits of Mackinac Enhancement Corp. – The board reviewed a request from the Mackinaw City Planning Commission requesting participation in the Straits of Mackinac Enhancement Corporation. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to appoint Chair Patrick to the Corporation. VVMC

Clark Township/Community Center Roof Replacement – The board discussed a request from Clark Township to assist in the roof replacement of their community center. Chair Patrick informed the board that per attorney Rich McNulty, the County cannot donate money unless a County service is being provided. Because of the County functions at the community center, it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to appropriate \$5,000 to the replacement of the community center roof to be paid out when the job has been completed. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Letter attached)

New Business:

Craig Frogget/Oak City – Mr. Frogget discussed the bid from Oak City to assist the County in overseeing the upgrade of the security system and Circuit Courtroom. After a brief discussion, Mr. Frogget agreed to submit an estimate breakdown and the board tabled until the next board meeting.

Paul Fullerton/Bob Nelson/Airport Update – Airport Manager Fullerton and Bob Nelson from Prein & Newhoff informed the board of the MDOT contract modifications for the Airport taxiway, which results in a \$71,712 savings. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the Airport contract modifications. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Contract modification attached)

Tony Phillips/Don Riley/Senior Services Millage Renewal – Ms. Phillips and Mr. Riley were present and requested approval from the board for the Senior Services millage request for the August 2017 election. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the ballot wording for the Senior Services millage. VVMC (Millage request attached)

Becky Paul/Surveyors Contracts – Ms. Paul requested authorization from the board for the Chair to sign the Monumentation Surveyor Professional Services Agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Chair to sign the Surveyors agreements. VVMC (Contracts attached)

Treasurer Goudreau/Tax Reverted Land Options & 1st Qtr. Financial Report – Treasurer Goudreau discussed the tax reverted lands and questioned if the County would be interested in any of the properties. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to pass on any of the tax reverted lands. VVMC (Tax Reverted Land list attached)

Treasurer Goudreau reviewed the 1st Quarter Financial Report with the board. (Report attached)

Veteran Board Appointment – The board discussed the newly formed Veterans Affairs Board and after a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to appoint Commissioner Hill as the Veteran Affairs Board liaison. VVMC

Veteran Board/Budget – The board reviewed the Veterans Affairs Board budget. Joe Thibault from the Veterans Affairs Board was present to clarify what duties the board wants the Veterans Services Officer to perform. The board informed Mr. Thibault that they want the Veterans Services Officer to be all inclusive when assisting Veterans. The board also discussed the hiring of the VSO and it was clarified that a contract would be prepared for the Board of Commissioners approval.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Litzner discussed the bidding process for projects.

Commissioner Hill discussed the letter denying the Counties' Indigent Defense Plan. (Letter attached)

Commissioner Krause discussed posting for job positions for elected positions.

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that Northern Tree Service will be here tomorrow to clean up the damaged tree limbs. Commissioner McPhee informed the board that the trees have a fungus and are dying. The board agreed to look into purchasing trees to replace the existing trees.

Public Comments:

Al Garavaglia thanked the board for their appropriation for the road match and discussed the Red Cross not knowing about the emergency services supplies.

Jason Sherlund thanked the board for their donation of \$5,000 for the Clark Township Community Center.

Mary Jo Savard discussed the hiring policy and advertising for open positions within the courthouse and the consideration of hiring Mackinac County citizens.

Communications:

The board reviewed the Bay County Resolution, MEA Spring Newsletter, UPACC Spring Conference and March Banking Account Balances.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$29,285.28 and the manual bills in the amount of \$54,298.42. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Bills attached)

Additional Bills – The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$3,014.31. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Additional bills attached)

Budget Amendments – The board reviewed the budget amendments for Department 311 and 602. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Letter attached) (Amendments attached)

The board reviewed the budget amendment for department 682. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Hill to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendment attached)

Adjournment – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk