

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St. St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions- Chairman Patrick requested the addition of Chris Groty's Request for Service Time. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC.

Approval of Minutes – Chairman Hill requested two corrections to the minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the corrected minutes of April 13, 2017. VVMC.

Public Comment – None

Business:

- Airport Runway/Taxiway Rehabilitation Project – A memo and title sheet from Bob Nelesen of Prein & Newhof was reviewed by the board regarding the runway and taxiway rehabilitation project. The estimated cost of the project is \$240,000 and would require Mackinac County to provide \$12,000 for its local share of the grant (90% Federal, 5% State, 5% Local). It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to allow Chairman Hill to sign the title sheet for Mackinac County's approval to bid. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (memo/title sheet attached).

- Resolution Approving Application to Purchase Voting System – Clerk Johnston informed the board that the State approved 10 year contracts with three vendors for the purchase of new voting equipment. After the voting machine demonstrations with the County, City and Township Clerks, Dominion Voting Systems was chosen. The majority of the cost for the voting equipment will be covered by the State from the Help America Vote Act money. The annual cost for service and maintenance for the township/city will be covered by the State for years 1-5 and years 6-10 the cost to each township/city will be \$615 annually per precinct and the county annual cost will be \$1,700. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the Resolution Approving Application to Secretary of State to Purchase New Voting System. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (resolution/quote/media release attached).

-Tax Reverted Land Option – The board reviewed the list of properties which have reverted to the County for non-payment of 2014 property taxes that are to be offered at public auction on Thursday, August 17, 2017. The parcels are offered first to the State of Michigan, then the local units of government and finally to the County. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to opt out from acquiring any of the tax reverted parcels. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (letter/foreclosed parcels schedule attached).

-Chris Groty, Service Credit Purchase – Chris Groty, Road Patrol Sergeant, requested approval from the board to purchase 4 years and 5 months of MERS service to reach 25 years of employment which would enable him to retire in July. The total cost of the service purchase will be paid by Sergeant Groty, the county will not incur any cost. Sheriff Strait commented that Sergeant Groty has been a valued employee and will surely be missed after his retirement. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the Service Credit Purchase of 4 years 5 months with no cost to the county and to approve Chairman Hill to sign the Governing Body Resolution. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (letter/resolution attached).

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

-1st Quarter Financial Report, Treasurer Goudreau – The board reviewed pie charts presented from Treasurer Goudreau showing the County Fund Types, Funds Per Financial Institution and Revenue and Expense comparisons from 2007-2017. (charts attached).

-Veteran Grant – Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that the State has awarded \$3,181 for veteran services. The monies will be received after the State receives a legal contract and a signed letter to accept the grant.

-Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement, Sheriff Strait – Sheriff Strait presented the board with the Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement with the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office, the City of St. Ignace and the City of Mackinac Island. This agreement will provide supplemental police protection for special events or local emergencies. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (agreement attached).

-Department Vehicles – Sheriff Strait informed the board that the department vehicles are in and requested approval to have partitions installed. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the installation of the partitions. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None.

Additional Board Member Business:

-Unemployment Rate – Commissioner Krause discussed the 23.5% unemployment rate for Mackinac County. Commissioner McPhee commented it was due to seasonal employment opportunities and that it would decrease over the summer months. Also, job opportunities are being pursued by Mackinac Economic Alliance and the Planning Commission.

Public Comment – None

Approval of the Bills/Budget Amendments – The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$144,791.57 and the manual bills in the amount of \$43,279.49. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (bills attached)

-The board reviewed the Additional Bills List in the amount of \$753.42. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the Additional Bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (additional bills list attached)

-The board reviewed the Request for Budget Amendments for the Courthouse & Grounds 265 budget. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (amendments attached)

Adjournment - Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk