

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, April 28, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lehrke at 4:33 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 retirement Resolution for Debbie Holle under new business. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of 4/14/2022. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Public Comment:

Cindy Post-Byron Home care services specialist gave some information to the board about the recent state auto reform and how that is cutting into the budgets for home health care services statewide by 45%.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – requested that Debbie Holles longevity be pro-rated due to her retirement. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approved the pro-rated longevity payout to Debbie Holle in the amount of \$1,600. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Erin Daines - MSU Extension informed the board they are still looking to fill the position on Mackinac Island.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the 1st quarter financials report to the board and the tax foreclosure properties. She asked the board if they would like to purchase any of the properties. The board decided against purchasing any. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to not purchase any of the foreclosed properties. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – discussed with the board of the county taking a one-time standard allowance for the ARPA funds to be put into the general fund. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second my Commissioner Patrick to take the one-time standard federal allowance. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the board with a bid for a new internet service provider. By switching to PFN the county will be saving \$500 a month. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to switch internet providers. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Krause, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – gave an update on the Straits Shield safety exercise on the Mackinac Island ferry boats and mass casualty exercise. He said the exercises went very well and had a large turnout for them.

Chris Brynes - MEA briefly discussed the infrastructure projects with the next round of ARPA funds.

New Business:

Tom Doty - Road Commission discussed the St. Ignace Road project. He said in the spring the road floods and can be dangerous to vehicles. Some people are forced to take alternate routes.

Dirk Heckman – Road Commission talked about possible funding sources for this project.

Lester Livermore – Road Commission spoke on how efficient the road commission is with their funding.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Patrick - spoke on the Merit Network project and sending them a letter of support for their work with the EUPISD broadband project. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the letter of support. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, McPhee, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (letter attached)

Commissioner Krause – discussed contracting with retired Equalization Director Pam Chipman to fill in for Equalization Director Mike Gillett while he is out on medical leave. The board agreed to contracting with Pam Chipman. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to do a short-term contract. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. Abstained: Krause.

Commissioner Krause – asked Treasurer Goudreau to get an update from the Historical Society on the ARPA fund donation.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$76,487.83. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause 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 \$112,647.50. 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 \$10,153.12. 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)

Communications: March banking report

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk