

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 10, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 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 4:32 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 - It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of July 27, 2017 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment – Gary Reid informed the board that tomorrow his tenure as Clark Township Supervisor will be ending. Supervisor Reid thanked the board for their assistance in the last five years with various projects such as invasive species and the Les Cheneaux Harbor Project. Supervisor Reid will continue serving with the Mackinac Economic Alliance and E.U.P. Regional Planning & Development as he believes in the mission of both organizations. Supervisor Reid spoke briefly regarding the bike path and the push for broadband in this area. The board thanked him for his service and wished him well.

Business:

Mackinac Economic Alliance – Director Alex Iseri requested permission to post a sign at their new office in order to help distinguish their organization from MSU Extension and LMAS, which share the building space. There are currently posts in place which they could use for their sign. The board agreed and granted permission. (Letter attached)

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – Treasurer Goudreau requested the board to inquire to her office regarding any questions the board may have and to not speculate on matters of a personal nature during a meeting.

Sheriff Scott Strait – Sheriff Strait presented the board with the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program application for fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) and requested that Chairman Hill sign the application. The grant covers approximately 1/3 of the cost of the program and due to the State reducing the grant amount by 1 mil across the state, the available State funding for 2018 will be

\$30,378.00. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to authorize the Chair to sign the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program application. (Application attached) VVMC

Sheriff Strait informed the board that interviews to replace Sergeant Groty have been done and the position was offered to Deputy Ronald Umbarger. Deputy Umbarger is currently the Bois Blanc officer and he will remain in that position until he is replaced.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that he has hired a temporary replacement for Cook Parsons while she is off on medical leave and the position will be paid from the weekend officer's budget.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the Civil Air Patrol will be performing exercises at the Airport this weekend to demonstrate their capabilities for assistance in the case of an emergency. Mackinac County Emergency Coordinator Kasper will also be attending.

County Clerk Johnston – Clerk Johnston informed the board that the August election was held and the millage proposals for Newton, Marquette and Hendricks Townships all passed.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that he spoke with Commercial Controls regarding the cold temperature in the annex building. Custodian Orr shuts down the boiler in the summer and this prevents the system from regulating the temperature. Commercial Controls recommended that the boiler remain on.

Commissioner McPhee informed the board of the Airport Change Order regarding the terminal parking lot reconstruction and expansion due to cracked sealing and issues with the parking lot. (Change order attached)

Commissioner Krause informed the board of a news story regarding Police Officers being affected by carbon monoxide while driving Police Ford Explorers. There is an investigation being done to find the problem, which could be from exhaust not exiting the vehicle or possible holes not being sealed when the car is outfitted with police equipment. Sheriff Strait informed the board that he is purchasing Carbon Monoxide Detectors for each of the patrol vehicles.

Commissioner Krause discussed the numerous complaints he is receiving due to the US2 speed limit being raised to 65 after the safety study performed by the State passed inspection. Undersheriff Wilk stated that although the speed limit was increased, the patrol officers will have less tolerance for those that choose to drive over the new limit.

Commissioner Krause discussed the custodian plow truck and questioned if Custodian Orr would be allowed to plow the animal shelter and the "Huskey" building parking lots. Commissioner McPhee stated that he currently plows the MSU Extension lot and should be able to plow the others also. Treasurer Goudreau suggested that the job description be

changed to reflect this. Commissioner McPhee will speak to Custodian Orr and the Union regarding this.

Committee Reports:

Chairman Hill and Commissioner Patrick gave a presentation on their visit to the Michigan County Commissioners' White House Conference and White House Tour. Commissioner Patrick presented the board with the agenda that listed the event speakers. The speakers gave a 10-15 minute presentation and Commissioner Patrick stated that the presenters were "down to earth, knowledgeable, very informative and felt like they were there for the Commissioners". The objective of the conference was for the Federal Government to better relate to state and local government and tribal issues.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$84,723.22 and the manual bills in the amount of \$223,524.48. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Bills attached)

The additional bills were reviewed and it was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills in the amount of \$3,323.25. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Additional bills list attached)

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk