

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday August 10, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday August 10, 2023 in the Boardroom Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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 St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of 7/27/2023 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 7/27/2023 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment:

Tracie Abram – MSU Extension gave a report on summer activities with the 4-H programs. Excited that they met their goal of getting 6 new volunteers.

Don Butkovich – Garfield Township Supervisor checking on the status of the Road Commission public hearings.

Lester Livermore – Road Commission Chair informed the board that the Road Commission has established a new outreach program for better communication with the townships. Also discussing creating new policies and procedures in the future to better service the county.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Ed Wilk – been a busy summer at the Sheriffs Office, recently had a double fatal accident in Newton Township. Also, as the new IT person he requested to be paid annually rather than quarterly. And reached out to cyber security company to schedule a meeting with Empiric to go over options to protect the county from cyber-attacks.

Under Sherriff Ron Umbarger – still searching for a community corrections van.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – Sale of the LMAS building is complete. We received payment for the purchase.

Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes – current projects moving forward smoothly. Mackinac Island recently hired a new attorney to oversee marine transportation port project.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – working on appraisal studies in the field. Equalization employees will be attending GIS training courses in the near future. County did not levy enough taxes with the senior services millage. Looking at getting this taken care of and corrected.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented 2nd quarter financial reports. Audit past extension date, have not heard back from UHY Auditors. Asking for permission to create RFP for a new auditor that will handle our forms GASB, 5572, and F-65. Plan to get with the 15 UP Treasurers to see what Auditors they use. The Road Commission Auditors did not work in a timely manner and this caused a delay in our audit. Having a phone conference with bond company regarding funding for building expansion project. And the county is being sued for a tax foreclosure case. MMRMA will be representing the county in this matter. (reports attached)

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – new CAD program is coming together. Senator John Damoose is looking into funding for this project. Lots of events coming in the near future, Labor Day Bridge walk and Mackinac Island evacuation exercise.

New Business:

Chair Patrick presented a retirement resolution for Sheriff's Office Tether Deputy Tom Doty for 16 years of service. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the resolution for Tom Doty. VVMC. (resolution attached)

A recognition resolution was presented for Doug Loepritch for his time served on the Veterans Board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the resolution for Doug Loepritch. VVMC (resolution attached)

Appointment of Charles Stenson to the Veterans Board. This was a vacancy made by the resignation of Doug Loepritch. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to appoint Charles Stenson to the Veterans Board. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

2% money application for the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum was presented to request funds through the Sault Tribe program. The County acts as a pass through for these funds. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the 2% application. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (application attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Some discussion was had on the Road Commission and their recent plans on meeting with the townships regularly to go over any issues or concerns. And keeping a better line of communication open. The plan is to bring the Road Commission back later this fall to discuss how attending regular township meetings has been going and if citizen concerns have been taken care of.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Litzner – UP State Fair is next week. He will be there working some shifts as a member of the Fair Board. Also brought up the Veterans Millage for the November election. Discussion was had on the amount that needs to be levied to cover the Veterans Offices costs and Veterans Assistance. County Attorney Bonnie Toskey is currently working with VA Board Chair Dick Pershinske to get the millage wording done.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott – was tasked by Community Action Agency to reach out to Senator John Damoose to look into eliminating the tax on diapers. Community Action Agency is planning to disperse free diapers and would like to have the tax eliminated like feminine products has been.

Commissioner Clark – gave an update on the Dam Committee.

Public Comment:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau asked the Board if they wanted to temporarily cover the costs for the Community Action Agency Senior Services millage that was levied incorrectly until a solution can be found. Some discussion was had and it was decided to wait until the procurement from the State of Michigan is known.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of August 10 for approval in the amount of \$13,771.16. Commissioner Kaiser had questions regarding the bridge camera invoice and Astrea invoice. Sheriff Wilk is looking into this and will let the board know when he gets an answer. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott 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 of July 28 for approval in the amount of \$89,057.20. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of August 4 for approval in the amount of \$163,258.66. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser 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 of August 10 for approval in the amount of \$226,705.51. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-31. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-32. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-33. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget transfer request from the Veterans Board. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget transfer. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (transfer attached)

The board reviewed journal entry request from the Veterans Board. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the journal entry. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (journal entry attached)

Communications:

June banking report, Road Commission resolution, Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club thank you letter, MSU Extension reports

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk