

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday August 22, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday August 22, 2024 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Roll Call: Corina Clark, Jodi Kaiser, Dan Litzner, Mike Patrick.

Absent: Judy St. Louis-Scott

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda as presented. VVMC
Absent: St. Louis-Scott.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of July 25 as amended. VVMC. Absent: St. Louis-Scott

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of August 8 as amended. VVMC. Absent: St. Louis-Scott

Public Comment:

None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – presented the board with a proof picture of the directional sign that was discussed at the previous meeting. Clerk Vowell asked the board to approve the purchase of the directional sign now that they have seen a proof of it. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the purchase of the directional sign from Arrow Signs in the amount of \$2440. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (picture attached)

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the board with a summary of the 2023 audit and briefly reviewed it with the board. She also requested permission to open a new account with Huntington Security for municipal bonds. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to authorize Treasurer Goudreau to open the account with Huntington Security. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (account info attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – let the board know that the speed sign is working well. Chair Litzner said he is happy it is up and running and feels it is doing its job. The Sheriff informed the board that the MATC fund reimbursement was received in the amount of \$14,310.83. Undersheriff has been working on the boat purchase. They were contacted by the boat company and offered 2 additional feet on the boat for no additional cost. The boat will be 31 ft. And the sidewalk project is beginning Monday August 26, so the parking lot will be blocked off for 2 days.

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – presented the board with the Administrative Findings Resolution for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (resolution attached)

Coordinator Tracy also presented the Intergovernmental Dispatch Agreement renewal with Chippewa County. This agreement renews every 4-5 years. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (agreement attached)

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – discussed the L4029 and the Veterans Millage. The County attorney said it needs to be up to .1 for Soldiers/Sailors relief and needs to be a separate fund from the Veterans Service fund. Treasurer Goudreau will contact other counties that have a Soldiers/Sailors fund to see how they have it set up. (L4029 attached)

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – spoke briefly about an influx in home sales. Passport applications are also up from last year at this time. And the grant the county applied for with MMRMA for office equipment was approved.

New Business:

District Court request for reclass and reallocation for 2 positions. District Court Administrator Christine Bawol was present to discuss this request. She informed the board that they are looking to reallocate duties from the Court Clerk position that was vacated in July and has not been filled. They would like to split these duties up between 2 current employees. Commissioner Kaiser asked why not hire a new person to fill this open position and not have to give current employees the additional work. She would like to see District Court hire a new person and not open this position to combining. She is also opposed to the 40-hour week request. She thinks eliminating the whole position is a bad idea. Commissioner Patrick said he is worried that in the future the caseload might increase. This position would need to be filled and if it is eliminated it would be difficult to add the position back. The board asked how they have been currently dealing with the caseload and work; Administrator Bawol said they all have been taking on additional duties and working longer hours to cover for the absence of this position. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to reject this request for reclass and reallocation and keep the Clerk position open for a new employee. They will need to advertise for the opening. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner. NO: Patrick. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (request attached)

Old Business:

Veterans Service Grant application is complete and ready for approval from the board. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to authorize Chair Litzner to sign the grant application. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: St. Louis-Scott.

Committee Reports/Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Kaiser said the MMP for recycling needs money for the plan. EUP Regional Planning will front the money and the county will not have to pay it. EGLE will have to reimburse the money. Commissioner Kaiser will reach out to EGLE regarding this. The modular units at the hospital that could possibly be used for Veterans Office space are available to tour. A time will be set up to tour the office space with Veterans Committee Member Charles Stenson.

Commissioner Clark told the board that MSU Extension needed to be out of the LMAS building weeks ago. LMAS has been very patient with the County, but they need the office space. MSU needs to move into old EMS building for the time being until permanent office space can be arranged.

Commissioner Litzner asked about the food pantries and the county donating to them. The County used to donate funds annually to the food pantries within the county. Treasurer Goudreau said the food pantries would request donations if they need it.

Commissioner Litzner said the UP State Fair went well. There were a couple days of bad weather that put a damper on things but over all it was a success. And the HOME Christmas auction will be November 22.

Public Comment:

Veterans Committee Member Charles Stenson – there is a Veterans event planned for September 12 at 2:00-3:30 at the library.

Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of August 22 for approval in the amount of \$60,966.62. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of August 14 for approval in the amount of \$40,696.21. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of August 22 for approval in the amount of \$99,904.55. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024-39. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024-40. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024-41. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: St. Louis-Scott (amendment attached)

Communications:

July banking report, MSU Extension News, letter from Dewbury for installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 5:42pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk