

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday August 31, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday August 31, 2023 in the Boardroom Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:29pm.

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 Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske – wanted to know what the boards position was on the Recycling Initiative. A recycling meeting has been scheduled by EGLE on September 20, 2023 at 1:30pm.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Ed Wilk – getting ready for the Labor Day bridge walk. Also is requesting an additional \$4500 for a speed safety sign on US-2. And discussion was had on the speed limit by the businesses on US-2 and Commissioner Litzner would like to look into getting the speed limit reduced for safety concerns.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – requested appointments to the Board of Canvassers. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to re-appoint Republican Bill Paul to another 4-year term and newly appoint Democrat Suzanne Stewart to a 4-year term. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. This vote will be rescinded at the Sept. 14, 2023 meeting and will be reviewed and amended to comply with the Michigan PA 116 168.24c regarding voting on appointment of Canvassers.

Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes – completing grant applications for operational funding of MEA. And setting up a Port Authority Committee and would like a County Commissioner to be on the committee.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – requested the RFP for a new auditing company be approved. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the presented RFP. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (RFP attached)

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – finalizing the Labor Day Bridge Walk preparations. Senator John Damoose is looking for state funding to help off set the costs of the new CAD project.

Emergency Manager Mike Kasper – Operation Safe Harbor is ready to go after Labor Day. A press release was issued and FEMA and numerous news stations are interested in observing.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – had an amended copy of the L4029 for the board to review and approve. After some discussion it was decided to table this until the next regular meeting to make additional corrections. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to table the approval of the amended L4029. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (L4029 attached)

New Business:

Mackinac Island ARPA request will be put on file and presented to the Board after the September 30 deadline. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled sometime after the September 30 deadline to review the ARPA requests.

Old Business: Bid from Clark Contracting for a ramp and cement repairs was reviewed. Discussion was had on more affordable options such as building a wooden ramp to save costs. Some local contractors will be contacted for bids.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Litzner requested various contracts be put on the BOC shared drive so they can more easily access them. Commissioner Kaiser and Commissioner St.Louis-Scott discussed some new grants that are available for affordable housing projects. They also spoke with local developers.

Discussion was had on the part-time maintenance employee moving to the Veterans Office. It was decided to keep his hourly rate of pay the same. The vacant part-time maintenance position has been posted internally and to the public.

Discussion was had on moving the Register of Deeds Deputy position to part-time. Commissioner Kaiser will speak with the ROD Mary Jo Savard about this and come back to the board with more information.

Committee Reports:

None

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of August 31 for approval in the amount of \$29,462.11. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser 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 August 11 for approval in the amount of \$17,814.29. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark 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 18 for approval in the amount of \$13,366.33. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott 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 25 for approval in the amount of \$43,130.76. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott 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 31 for approval in the amount of \$69,815.10. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-34. 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 #2023-35. It was decided to do a budget transfer from within the VA budget to cover these expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment now as a transfer. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-36. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-37. It was decided that the funds will be transferred from the special LIFTC ARPA funds for this amendment. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications:

None

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk