

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday December 21, 2021**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday December 21, 2021 in the Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:28 pm.

Roll Call: Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke, Calvin McPhee, Jim Hill, Mike Patrick.

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

**Agenda Approval** – It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda as presented. VVMC

**Approval of Minutes** – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the board minutes of December 9, 2021 with one correction. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

none

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Clerk Vowell**- requested the Board approve the moving of Deputy Admin Clerk Jennifer Jermeay into the Circuit Court Clerk position at pay grade 6 step 1, due to retirement of Court Clerk Tina Schlehber. Moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to move Jennifer Jermeay into the Court Clerk position effective Jan. 1, 2022. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Patrick, McPhee, Krause. NO: None. Absent: None.

**Clerk Vowell**- presented to the Board the 2022 Salary Resolution for Non-Elected, Non-Union and Dept Heads. Discussion was had regarding a 1% raise or keep the wages the same as previous year. Treasurer Goudreau presented the Board with a report on the Fund Balance and how much a 1% raise would cost. She informed the Board the Fund Balance has increased over half million dollars in 10 years. Moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to keep the wages the same as 2021 Salary Resolution. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Krause. NO: Patrick, Hill. Absent: None (Resolution attached)

**Treasurer Goudreau**- spoke on the Tax Auction Proceed Lawsuit and that a settlement was made. This will conclude the Counties Liability and close this lawsuit. Should be complete in January 2022.

**Treasurer Goudreau**- informed the Board that the State Step Forward Program is now finished. And in replacement the State Created a fund for Covid relief. The new fund will be MI Homeowners Assistance Fund.

**Commissioner Patrick**- presented the Board with the EGLE Resolution Management Grant. He explained that it's a formality and gives permission to EGLE to authorize this grant application. This grant application has been done in the past. Moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve this resolution. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: None. (Resolution attached)

**Sheriff Wilk**- informed the Board that the Sheriff Offices computer programming and re-cabling is about \$7,000 under budget. The Secondary Rd Patrol fund has been increased by State and Federal funding. He also Informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office 800 phone number is coming to an end and is no longer a needed phone number.

#### **Old Business:**

**Clerk Vowell**- presented the Board with the resolution to approve PA-152 Insurance Opt-out. Some discussion was had. Motion by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the PA-152 Opt-out resolution. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick NO: Krause, Lehrke. Absent: None. (Resolution attached)

**Under Sheriff Union** grievance regarding paying out the leave time for Under Sheriff Umbarger. Commissioner Hill read some info aloud. Commissioner Patrick stated his concerns with how the Board handled this issue. Sheriff Wilk also had some concerns. Discussion was had and all members agreed to pay out the leave time. Moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to pay out Under Sheriff Umbargers accrued leave time. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Patrick, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: None. Absent: None.

#### **Additional Board Member Business**

**Commissioner Hill**- discussed some concerns that were brought to his attention regarding the Veterans Office purchasing a vehicle. VSO Mike Redmond explained to the Board that the monies to purchase this vehicle is a state grant and will be no cost to the County. He also answered questions the Board had. Commissioner Krause commented the cost being too high. Commissioner Lehrke had concerns that the bidding policy was not followed. There was further discussion. Commissioner Patrick moved to purchase the vehicle with the State grant monies. Motion failed with no support. (Resolution/grant attached)

**Commissioner McPhee**- discussed the bids for the Airport project. They were 14% higher than expected. Treasurer Goudreau said the bids include costs of building the road as well.

**Public Comment:** Prosecutors Victim Advocate- Courtney Aldrich expressed concerns about not utilizing State grant monies to purchase VSO vehicle for Veteran outreach.

**VSO Mike Redmond** had further comments and questions about the State grant to purchase vehicle.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:** The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$186,966.85. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The Board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$422,867.87. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The Board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$33,245.35. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the additional bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2021-43. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the amendment. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Hill, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: None. (Amendment attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2021-44. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: None (Amendment attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2021-45. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amendment. After further discussion regarding this amendment for the VSO vehicle purchase; motion was withdrawn. Amendment was not approved. (Amendment attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2021-46. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: None. Absent: None. (Amendment attached)

**Communications:** November Banking report, November Shelter Report.

**Adjournment:** Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk