

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday December 28, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday December 28, 2023 in the County Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 2:00pm.

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

Roll Call: Corina Clark, Jodi Kaiser, Mike Patrick, Judy St. Louis-Scott. Absent: Litzner.

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 St. Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023 as amended. VVMC

The minutes of December 14, 2023 will be reviewed for approval at the January 11, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment:

Mackinac Island Resident Stephanie McGreevy thanked Commissioners Kaiser and St. Louis-Scott for their interest in strategic planning for housing. Would like to see the board meetings available via zoom for citizens that can not attend in person. This is a goal for the board in 2024.

Resident from St. Ignace Township discussed his concerns about the poor conditions of Simmons Road. Has been in contact with St. Ignace Twp Supervisor and the Road Commission.

FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING: It was moved Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to move in public hearing to adopt the proposed budget. No public comments were given. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to exit the public hearing and move back into regular session. VVMC

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – presented a letter of appointment to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board. The current term does not expire until March. She will bring it back to the board for appointment at that time.

New Business:

Adoption of FY2024 Budget - It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the FY2024 proposed budget and budget resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: None. Absent: Litzner. (resolution attached)

Old Business:

Previous request from Deputy Chris Groty for payment in lieu of raise. Clerk Hillary Vowell presented employee reports showing active employees at the time the payment in lieu of raise was paid. There are 3 employees that would be eligible that were not paid. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick to deny this request. Motion failed for no support. Further discussion was had. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the payment in lieu of raise and FICA to be paid out of ARPA funds for the following 3 employees: Chris Groty, Erica Bayleat, Joseph Fitzgerald. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – requested the board approve the pay out of personal time to Maintenance Gerald Lambert in the amount of \$588.56. The union agreed upon the terms of the payout. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to approve his personal time pay out. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner.

Closed Session: It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to move into closed session at 2:48pm to discuss purchasing of property under MCL 15.267 8(d). VVMC
It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott at 3:02pm to move out of closed session. VVMC. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to go back into regular session. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner.

It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to hire a MAC Consulting Services to be our Brownfield consultant for housing project. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Clark – still waiting to hear from EGLE regarding the Dam.
Commissioner Kaiser – thanked Bryce Tracy for holding a conference call with 44North and the retirees.

Commissioner Kaiser – discussed the retiree health coverage and some of the changes. Retiree Mary Hobson was present and requested an exception to stay on the current coverage and not move to the new coverage for 1 more year. It was moved Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to make an exception and keep Retiree Mary Hobson on the current plan for 1 more year. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner.

Discussion was had on the payout of sick/vacation leave for Sheriff Ed Wilk and E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy dating back to 2021. This was approved in 2021 by the previous board to get these paid out. There was also a meeting in 2022 with Bryce Tracy, Ed Wilk, Hillary Vowell, Jennifer Goudreau, Craig Lehrke and Mike Patrick to negotiate the total amounts. It was agreed upon by the employees involved. Partial payment was to be paid in 2022 and the remaining paid in 2023. The previous board changed certain employees from hourly to salary without the employee's knowledge. This caused those employees to have a large amount of sick and vacation time that they were not

able to use; they requested to be paid out for the lost time. Sheriff Ed Wilk asked for clarity on how should the Clerk should proceed and does this need board action. For the record moving forward if these payouts happen to arise, they need to be brought to the current board for approval.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott informed the board that Mackinac Environmental will be coming to inspect the restrooms on the 3rd floor for possible asbestos. She also asked Bryce Tracy to get a quote and options to have zoom available for Commission meetings.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Patrick discussed waste management plans and some grants that are available to counties. He spoke with EUP Regional Planning and they are going to schedule a meeting to discuss this further.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of December 28 for approval in the amount of \$92,783.88. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of December 22 for approval in the amount of \$24,313.93. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of December 27 for approval in the amount of \$79,319.34. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-59. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-60. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-61. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-62. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (amendment attached)

Communications:

October Animal Shelter report, MSU Extension News

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in the Boardroom Annex Building, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Vowell at 3:00pm.

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

Roll Call: Corina Clark, Jodi Kaiser, Dan Litzner, Mike Patrick, Judy St. Louis-Scott.

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser with support by Commissioner Patrick to accept the agenda as presented. VVMC

Public Comment – none.

Nomination of Chair – Clerk Vowell called for nominations for the Board Chair. Commissioner Kaiser nominated Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark. There were no other nominations made. After roll call vote, Commissioner Litzner elected as Chair. Clerk Vowell turned the meeting over to Chair Litzner. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Vice Chair – Chair Litzner nominated Commissioner Kaiser for Vice Chair. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to close nominations. VVMC

Committee Appointments – The list of board committees was reviewed and assigned to board members. (Committee Appointments attached).

Board Liaison Appointments – The list of board liaisons was reviewed and assigned. (Board Liaisons attached).

Rules of the Board – The Rules of the Board were reviewed. Commissioner Litzner added wording pertaining to the procedures of the vote of the Chairperson to Section II. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve this addition. Roll call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, St. Louis-Scott. NO: Patrick.

Commissioner Kaiser added wording to section III regarding Clerks Duties. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve this addition. Roll call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (Rules of the Board attached).

Meeting Schedule – The Board will hold their regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (Meeting Schedule attached)

Bills Policy – It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to delete line b) Cap of \$1000 and take the word Sheriff off of line d). Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (Policy attached)

Public Comment – E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy told the board he would have proposals for Zoom equipment by the second meeting of the month. Sheriff Ed Wilk told the board he will have reclassification requests.

Adjournment – It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 3:31pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk