

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, December 8, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of 11/22/2022 as presented. VVMC

Public Comment:

Jennie Hoffmann spoke on behalf of the EUP Broadband Collaboration. She informed the board that there is federal funding available for this and they are trying to apply for some of those. And encouraged everyone to get the word out on this broadband project for more support. (Pamphlet attached)

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Mike Redmond – Veteran Service Officer requested that they approve moving Rick Litzner under the direction of the Veterans Board and not the Veterans Trust Fund. He would move Rick’s costs to the Veterans account and keep burial/markers in the Trust Fund account. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve this move. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, McPhee, Krause, Lehrke. NO: Hill. (letter attached)

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – requested to have the GIS Tech position eliminated and terminate the contract with EUP Planning. This position would be a Clerk position rather than GIS Tech/Clerk. After some discussion and questions the board agreed. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (letter attached)

Emergency Manager Mike Kasper – Active Shooter training went smoothly and it was very well received by the Courthouse staff.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – still working on the boat security grant and gave an update on staffing.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – reminded the board that the next meeting on December 20, 2022 will be at 4:00pm instead of 4:30pm.

MSU Extension Tracie Abram – handed out the November report to the board. Gave updates on some of the projects MSU is currently working on and some new curriculums that are being planned.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – gave an update on the new computer program in her office.

New Business:

The board reviewed the contract for MSU Extension services for 2023. The contract was approved for the amount of \$76,363. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Patrick, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. (contract attached)

Old Business:

Commissioner Krause brought up the Empiric computer contract. He recommended that we cut the contract by 50%. Treasurer Goudreau and Sheriff Wilk advised the board not to cut the contract which would delay getting the remainder of the new computers installed and the network up and running. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to cut the contract costs by 50%. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Hill. NO: McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke.

Public Comment:

none

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$43,478.15. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Lehrke, Patrick, Hill, McPhee. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$139,575.36. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Lehrke, Patrick, Hill, McPhee. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$41,228.73. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee, Hill. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-36. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, Hill, Patrick, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-37. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications:

MSU Extension report, MSP Cyber News, Eaton Co resolution.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:50.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk