

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday December 9, 2021**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday December 9, 2021 in the Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:29 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 Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the board minutes of November 23, 2021. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

none

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

Clerk Vowell- requested the Board make a motion to approve the publishing of the FY 2022 Proposed Budget for public viewing. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to publish the FY 2022 Proposed Budget for public viewing for 14 days. VVMC

Clerk Vowell- on behalf of the ARPA Committee asked the Board to review the ARPA Comm request for employee bonuses. Due to lack of information from the Committee the Board tabled this until the next regular Board meeting.

Veterans Service Officer- Mike Redmond was present to inform the Board that additional grant money is available from the State and he will be using it for more Veteran outreach in the County.

Bryce Tracy- spoke on behalf of the Health Insurance Committee. He informed the Board that the committee is researching other insurance options. And would let the Board know as soon as they have more info.

E911 Coordinator- Bryce Tracy presented the Board with the 911 Surcharge Resolution to approve. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the resolution. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (resolution attached)

Sheriff Wilk- had some updates on the recent school threats in the community and the Sheriffs Dept is working closely with the other agencies to get this taken care of.

MSU Extension- Erin Daines presented the Board with the MSU Extension contract in the amount of \$74,139. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the contract. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, McPhee, Hill, Krause, Lerhke. NO: none. (contract attached)

**Old Business:**

Jolene Larsen- on behalf of the Union asked the Board if they came to a decision on promoting Jerry Lambert to Head Maintenance Position. Commissioner McPhee said he will be starting Jan.1, 2022. And will be subject to 630 probationary hours. Clerk Vowell will be posting an ad for the Part-Time Temp Maintenance.

**Additional Board Member Business**

Commissioner Krause – asked Clerk Vowell about the resolution for PA-152 Insurance Opt-out; the Clerk’s Office was not able to locate a previous one. The Board asked Clerk Vowell to prepare one for the next board meeting.

Commissioner Krause – brought up ways to cut the budget and save costs. He stated him and Commissioner Lehrke discussed cutting the single point entry security down to 1 security officer. And review of Empiric Computer contract costs. Sheriff Wilk stated that Empiric has just begun repairing the computer issues in his office. Treasurer Goudreau reminded the Board the Fund Balance has not been affected by this. And that she has given funds from the 516 to help offset these overages in the past.

Commissioner Hill - asked Commissioner Lehrke to explain to the Board how the Union Grievance by Under Sheriff Umbarger was going to be resolved after Commissioners Lehrke and Patrick met earlier in the day with Under Sheriff Umbarger. They came to an agreement to pay out his sick leave accumulation. Chair Hill requested this be put on the agenda for Dec. 21, 2021 regular meeting for approval.

Commissioner McPhee – brought to the Boards attention that the Property at the Airport being evaluated for new EMS Building could possibly be Airport property and not County owned. This could cause a delay in this process.

**Public Comment:** Lt. Deputy Stephannie Vallier spoke to the board about employee bonuses with the ARPA funds and the grant the Sheriffs Dept received last year for First Responders was not part of this bonus. She felt the Sheriffs Dept should not be punished by getting a lower bonus due to the monies they received with that grant.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed budget amendment #2021-40. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the amendment. VVMC (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2021-41. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the amendment. VVMC (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2021-42. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amendment. VVMC (amendment attached)

**Communications:** MI Open Meetings Act update, October Shelter Report.

**Adjournment:** Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk