

# MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday, February 10, 2022**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

**Agenda Approval** – amended agenda by adding appointment to Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board and approval of resolution for Hazard Mitigation to New Business. Clerk Vowell added a budget amendment. And the second public comment was put back on the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: None. Absent: Lehrke.

**Minutes Approval** – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of 1/18/2022. VVMC It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of 1/27/2022. VVMC

## **Public Comment:**

Dick Pershinske – Engadine Area resident spoke to the board about the Recycling Initiative. He asked the board to consider being a part of this initiative.

Austin Kimberling – St.Ignace resident spoke to the board around the ARPA employee hazard pay and that it should not be called a bonus. He said that hazard pay is part of what ARPA funds are for and that the employees are very deserving of the pay.

## **Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Erin Daines – MSU Extension** updated the board on the recent MSU Extension projects.

**Treasurer Goudreau** informed the board the Airport contract needed approval. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to her permission to sign the contract. VVMC

Treasurer Goudreau also discussed the Health Insurance Committee starting back up. Getting Dept Head meetings scheduled. And the procedures for weather closures of the courthouse.

**District Judge Gibson** spoke on employee raises for her staff. She strongly encouraged the board to reconsider this request and that the ARPA funds are

exactly for this. She said all the employees have been impacted by the pandemic and the County offices remained open to serve the public.

**Chris Brynes** – ARPA Committee Chair talked about readdressing the 2 ARPA requests that were turned down at a previous meeting.

**Equalization Director Chipman**- presented the board with ratios for assessed values. (chart attached)

**Sheriff Wilk** - informed the board that the freezer has been repaired in the jail. He is waiting on AC bids. And he suggested to the board they should keep the second public comment on the agenda as it always has been.

**Clerk Vowell** - requested the board to appoint Daryl Orr to Superior District Library Board. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to appoint Daryl Orr to fill the remainder of the term that was vacated by Michelle Jarvie. VVMC (letter attached)

Clerk Vowell - approval of retirement resolution for Brenda Montie. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve retirement resolution. VVMC (resolution attached)

Clerk Vowell - Request for pro-rated longevity for Judy Scott and Brenda Montie due to their retirement. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the pay out of pro-rated longevity. VVMC (letters attached)

Clerk Vowell- request to approve bids from Kofile to refurbish all the vital records libers and for vital record software package. She discussed the bids and answered questions the board had. Treasurer Goudreau also told the board that the 516 delinquent tax funds can pay for the refurbishing of the libers. The board recommended that ARPA funds could pay for the software yearly fee for five years. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bid for refurbishing the libers in the amount of \$46,989.20 to be paid from the 516 funds. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick. NO: Hill. Absent: Lehrke. (bids attached)

**Emergency Management Coordinator Kasper** – request to approve the Hazard Mitigation resolution. He discussed the resolution. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the Hazard Mitigation resolution. VVMC (resolution attached)

#### **New Business:**

**Dick Pershinske-Veterans Service Board**- requested the approval of hiring an assistant for the Veterans Office and a 5.9% raise for the Veterans Service Officer Mike Redmond. He told the board that VSO Redmond has done an amazing job and is in need of an assistant with the aging veteran population increasing and the need for more assistance. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the hiring of an assistant at \$35,360. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Hill. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the 5.9% raise for VSO Mike Redmond. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

**Commissioner Patrick** – requested to be re-appointed to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee. VVMC

**Commissioner Hill** – asked if there was any new interest in the Part-Time Maintenance position. Clerk Vowell said there has not been any new resumes and no new interest at this time. Treasurer Goudreau told the board that they have the capability to start a new hire at a step 3 at \$17.51; and that might generate more people interested in the position. The board requested that Clerk Vowell reach out to the applicant that previously applied and offer the job to him at the higher rate of pay.

**Commissioner Krause** – asked the board if the County is still involved with the civil lawsuit. Sheriff Wilk informed the board that the lawsuit is still ongoing and the hearing on this matter is scheduled for 2023.

**Public Comment:**

E911 Coordinator Tracy – gave an update on the EUP Broadband project.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:** The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$72,830.46. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills in the amount of \$695,713.93. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Hill, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$797.31. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-3 for retiree pay-out in the amount of \$12,000. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke. (amendment attached)

**Communications:** CISMA 2021 annual report (report attached)

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to adjourn the meeting. VVMC Vice Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm.

Hillary Vowell

County Clerk