

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday February 13, 2025**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday February 13, 2025 in the Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Roll Call: Austin Kimberling, John Kling, Mike Patrick, Daryl Schroeder, Judy St. Louis-Scott.

**Agenda Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kling to approve the minutes of January 23, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (minutes attached)

It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (minutes attached)

**Public Comment:**

Al Garavaglia, Brownfield Authority Member – said he is in support of previous Commissioner Jodi Kaiser being re-appointed to the Brownfield Authority. Jodi is a huge asset to the authority and she has a wealth of knowledge. He is hoping the current board will re-appoint her.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

Sheriff Ed Wilk – received reimbursement from 2024 for \$19,543 marine grant and \$12,700 reimbursement for corrections academy. Also having drain issues in the jail, and the lobby bathrooms are out of order. Lt Vallier was able to get a \$60,000 grant to re-model jail cell. Lt. Vallier spoke briefly about the growing need for mental health services.

Temp Equalization Director Dulcee Ranta – gave a brief update on the Equalization Office.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – interest rates are causing sales to decline currently.

Deputy Treasurer Becky Paul – requested to be paid out her longevity at pro-rated amount due to her retirement. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kling to approve the pro-rated longevity pay out. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request attached)

Probate Judge W. Clayton Graham – there was an unexpected death of the Probate Court Public Guardian. Donna had 12-15 clients in Mackinac County that she supervised and was Guardian over. She will be unreplaceable as she went above and beyond for little compensation. Judge is asking for \$25,000 to try to find someone to fill this role. This person would be on a contract basis and 1099. There is a budget amendment that will need to be approved.

**Old Business:**

The board reviewed letters of support for Jodi Kaiser to remain on the Brownfield Authority. Commissioner Schroeder is interested in being appointed to the authority.

2 reclass requests that were reviewed at a Committee of Whole meeting on February 5, 2025 were presented for a decision. 1<sup>st</sup> request was for Chief Deputy Clerk position. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the reclass to pay grade 10 step 1. Second request for the Crime Victim Advocate position. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the reclass to pay grade 10 step 1. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Discussion of creating the Animal Advisory Committee was had. Commissioner Kling would like to see the policy changes made at the Dept Head meeting and the board needs to move forward with the appointments to this committee. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to create the Animal Advisory Committee as of today February 13, 2025. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott would like to see new waterproof dog beds purchased for the shelter. She is requesting the board to put \$400 towards the new beds. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kling to approve \$400 for dog beds. Clerk Vowell and Commissioner St. Louis-Scott will get the beds ordered asap. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**New Business:**

The board reviewed a 2% money request from the Mackinac Animal Aid Association. This is pass thru money that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians distributes. The County receives the money and then will cut a check for the Mackinac Animal Aid Association. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the 2% application. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Committee Reports/Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner Kimberling had some questions for the Sheriff regarding phishing emails and county network security.

Commissioner Kling attended a zoom meeting for the UP Fair Board. There will be some improvements made at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Patrick said the Veterans Office Trailer has been put in place by the old EMS garage.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the revised regular bills of February 13 for approval in the amount of \$88,294.12. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kimberling to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of February 4 for approval in the amount of \$58,519.67. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of February 13 for approval in the amount of \$178,339.06. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2025-02. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2025-03. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

**Communications:**

Road Commission surveys

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk