

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday February 8, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday February 8, 2024 in the Courthouse Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Litzner at 4:32pm.

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

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

Absent: Jodi Kaiser.

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval:

It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of January 11 as presented. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kaiser

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske, Veterans Board member – discussed the recent donation from the county ARPA funds to Community Action Agency for heating assistance. He asked if we receive any kind of reports as to how they spend these funds. Commissioner St. Louis-Scott who sits on the Community Action Agency board will look into this.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – reminded the board of the early voting starting February 17 for the Presidential Primary. Also told the board that the part time Maintenance person that was just hired, decided he did not want the job and resigned. Head Maintenance Jerry Lambert will be looking through the resumes again.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – Commissioner Litzner asked the Sheriff about the recent bids for recreational vehicles. Sheriff said he would be doing a spreadsheet soon and select a bid to go forward with the purchase.

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – presented the board with a breakdown of the costs to equip the board room for zoom capabilities. (bid attached)

Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes – introduced Doug Russell, the newly hired Grant Writer.

MSU Extension Tracie Abram – gave a brief update on the recent events. There is a new volunteer from Mackinac Island and will be starting a new class on the island with horses. There has been a small engine class in Curtis and this has been going well. Many students signed up for this and are excited to learn about engine repair.

Veterans Board Dick Pershinske – need to get started on the proposal wording for the Veterans Service renewal proposal soon. Clerk Vowell will get the previous millage proposals and the filing deadline to the Veterans Board.

New Business:

A moment of silence was had for the 5 fallen marines who passes this week in a helicopter accident and a disabled veteran who passed in a house fire in Chippewa County.

Old Business:

A resolution for the creation of an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to approve this resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kaiser. (resolution attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Patrick said the light outside the Veterans Office and some light fixtures in the basement need to be replaced.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott said she recently attended a City of St. Ignace Council meeting and they said a prayer prior to the meeting beginning. She wanted to know if this is something our board could do.

Commissioner Clark spoke on the Manistique Lakes Dam. They are discussing holding a joint meeting for the Commissioners in Luce, Schoolcraft and Mackinac Counties to discuss the costs of Dam repairs, the upkeep and how to move forward.

Commissioner Litzner mentioned the idea of possibly looking into hiring a County Administrator.

Airport Manager Paul Fullerton sent a receipt for repairs to his plow truck. He uses his personal plow truck to plow the airport. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Commissioner Litzner presented a proposal for new legal counsel.

Committee Reports:

None.

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske would like a copy of the Opioid Resolution as soon as it gets signed.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of February 9 for approval in the amount of \$36,217.38. There was a question regarding survey bill from Sidock, this was pulled for further review. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kaiser (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of February 2 for approval in the amount of \$132,892.53. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kaiser (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of February 7 for approval in the amount of \$167,810.33. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kaiser (bills attached)

Communications:

MEA minutes and budget report, MSU Extension news.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk