

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, February 9, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:35 pm.

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

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

Agenda Approval: Added to the agenda under New Business, Item d) MIDC Contract approval. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of 1/24/2023 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the minutes of 1/26/2023 as presented. VVMC

Public Comment:

Union member Becky Paul told the board that the part-time union employees received \$2000 payment in lieu of raise, and the part-time employees in the salary resolution received \$4000 payment in lieu of raise. She would like to see that the union part-time also receive the full \$4000.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Judge Clayton Graham – requesting the board approve a Compliance Officer position for Probate Juvenile Dept. This would be fully funded by the Child Care Fund grant. This position would help with home visits and monitoring juveniles. Judge Graham thinks this would be great job for Mackinac County. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve this grant funded position as a non-union court employee. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (letter attached)

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – Empiric computer services contract needs to be renewed; this will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Also informed the board that the MIDC is looking at hiring a new administrator and parting ways with the current one.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – informed the board that her new deeds computer program is ready to go live, hoping by end of the month.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – received a grant for electronic speed signs, this will be very helpful in speed limit enforcement when the tourist season starts. Also still

looking for a van for the 511 Community Service program. And had a deer/car accident and the patrol car was totaled. Insurance paid \$13,050 for it; this was more than what the car would have sold for. It was one of the vehicles that was going to be sold.

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy and Clerk Hillary Vowell – presented the board with 3 bids for tablets for board use. After some discussion the board agreed to go with bid #2 for the MS Surface Pro tablets. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve these tablets be ordered. Roll Call: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bids attached)

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – looking at filling the Sr Appraiser position in the Equalization Dept. He would like to fill all his vacant positions as well. After some lengthy discussion and questions, it was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to move forward with hiring a level 2 Sr Appraiser. More discussion was had; it was decided to schedule a Comm of Whole meeting to further discuss this. Commissioner St.Louis-Scott rescinded her motion. Comm of Whole meeting scheduled for Monday Feb. 13, 2023.

New Business:

Animal Shelter Manager Tina Newsome - informed the board she plans on retiring March 17, 2023. She will be posting the internal job ad soon. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to accept her notice of retirement. VVMC (letter attached)

Commissioner Patrick - said that Alfred Feleppa needed to be reappointed to the Hiawatha Behavioral Board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to re-appoint Fred Feleppa to the HBH Board. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Commissioner Patrick presented a Resolution for the 125th Anniversary of Michigan Association of Counties. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark. VVMC (resolution attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell - presented the board with MIDC contracts for George Tschirhart and Alfred Feleppa. The contracts were reviewed. It was decided to hold off on renewing Georges contract until May when it expires. Assistants Fred Feleppas contract was approved for Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2023. And all contracts need to be approved prior to payment. The board would like to follow the State of Michigan's fiscal year. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the Assistant Public Defenders contract. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (contracts attached)

Old Business:

St.Ignace DDA Scott Marshall – Updated the board on the downtown boardwalk project. A new trail project is in the works as well for hiking and

other recreational activities. The Economic Development Corp will match any donations. They are currently looking for an additional \$20,000 for these projects. (documents attached)

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – presented an ARPA request to the board for \$75,000 for emergency services and dispatch. He requested this with the previous board last year and it was tabled. After some discussion and questions Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to amend the previous motion to hold off on ARPA requests to outside entities until Sept. 30, 2023 to consider this request. Commissioner Clark second the motion. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

It was then moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the request for \$75,000 in ARPA funds. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request attached)

Wage/Reclass:

Clerk Vowell presented the board with 3 bids for the proposed Wage Reclass Compensation study. The board discussed the bids and the different options each one offers. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the bid from Municipal Consulting Services, LLC up to \$40,500. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: Clark, St.Louis-Scott.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott mentioned the \$4000 payment in lieu of raise for the part-time union employees again. This will be discussed further at Comm of Whole meeting Monday Feb. 13, 2023.

Public Comment:

Nick Adams – Juvenile Probation Officer thanked the board for approving the request to hire a Compliance Officer.

Christine Bawol – District Court Magistrate/Court Administrator informed the board that she finished her Court Administrator classes online.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$19,180.97. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of January 27, 2023 for approval in the amount of \$9,614.93. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of February 3, 2023 for approval in the amount of \$526,282.47. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$34,895.85. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-04. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second my Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications: MSU Ext update, MSP Cyber News.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk