

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, January 12, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:36 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: 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 Litzner second by Commissioner Scott to approve the minutes of 12/20/2022 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of 1/5/2023 as presented. VVMC

The members made some changes to the Committee Appointments from the previous meeting. Changes are as follows: Commissioner St.Louis-Scott is now on the H.O.M.E. Collaborative Board, Commissioner Kaiser is now on the Planning Commission and Commissioner Litzner is now on the UP Fair Board.

Commissioner Kaiser brought to the Boards attention that a request to act on a previously approved motion needs to be requested by a commissioner in writing to the County Clerk at least 5 days prior to a meeting. This is listed in the Board Rules under motions to reconsider. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to strike the request from Prosecutor Stuart Spencer for retirement service credit until a member of this board requests it to be put on agenda. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Patrick, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott, Litzner. NO: none.

Public Comment:

none

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Prosecutor Stuart Spencer asked why the board took his request off the agenda. He doesn't recall requesting this previously. Commissioner Patrick thought at one time it was requested. Clerk Vowell will review previous minutes for this and get back to the board. (request attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – Marine grant with the DNR was granted. Snowmobile club donated \$1000 to the Sheriffs office.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – requested to re-organize his office staff. He would like to reinstate the Senior Appraiser position and eliminate the Deputy Director and permission to start the hiring process. (request attached)

MSU Extension Tracie Abram – gave the board an update on current projects and workshops.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – requested to have the Chief Deputy ROD and the Deputy ROD positions reclassified. After some discussion it was decided to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting on Jan. 19, 2023 to discuss the wage & reclass request and to look into a wage study for all the county staff. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to table this until the COW meeting. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request attached)

New Business:

Application for 2% monies through the SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians was reviewed for the Mackinac Animal Aid Association. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Scott to approve the application. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Kaiser, Litzner, Clark, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (application attached)

Old Business:

the amended salary resolution for the Non-Elected, Non-Union and Dept Heads was reviewed. A 5% raise with a one-time payment in lieu of raise was proposed. After some discussion; it was decided to approve a 3.5% raise and \$4000 one-time payment in lieu of raise. Commissioner Patrick thought it should stay at 5%. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve 3.5% raise for all excluding Veterans Service Officer, Veterans Service Office Assistant, and Equalization Director. And 7.2% raise for 911 Coordinator. And one time \$4000 payment in lieu of raise for all excluding Equalization Director and Veterans Service Office Assistant. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Clark, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: Patrick. (resolution attached)

The amended salary resolution was presented for the Elected Officials. A 5% raise with a one-time \$4000 payment in lieu of raise was proposed. It was brought to their attention that the Elected Officials have not had a raise since 2020. After some discussion it was decided to do a flat rate amount instead of a percentage. A 3.5% raise would be \$2500, a 5% raise would be \$3500. The board decided to meet in the middle with a \$3000 across the board raise and the \$4000 one-time payment in lieu of raise for all elected officials. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the amended salary resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, Kaiser. NO: Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. (resolution attached)

It was also briefly discussed the need for a new wage study for all of the county employees. Clerk Vowell will look into getting some bids for this.

Public Comment:

A Representative from Senator Gary Peters office spoke briefly on federal grants that are available to government entities.

Sheriff Wilk thanked the board for approving the raises.

Treasurer Goudreau also thanked the board for the raise.

Lester Livermore thanked the board for following county policies and OMA rules.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$24,071.38. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Patrick, Clark, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the regular bills from Jan. 5, 2023 for approval in the amount of \$51,450.24. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Litzner, St.Louis-Scott, Clark, Patrick. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$302,216.39. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Clark, St.Louis-Scott, Litzner, Kaiser. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$13,134.43. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, St.Louis-Scott, Litzner, Kaiser, Patrick. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-01. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second my Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: St.Louis-Scott, Patrick, Clark, Kaiser, Litzner. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-02. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Clark, Litzner, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications:

November Banking report, MSP Cyber News, MSU Extension 4-H report, December Animal Shelter report

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell, County Clerk