

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, January 13, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

Meeting was moved to Circuit Courtroom; due to not enough space in the Board room for the public in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:38 pm.

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

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

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Lehrke to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick, Krause. NO: None. Absent: None.

Minutes Approval – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the minutes of 1/4/2022. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke, Hill, Krause. NO: None. Absent: None.

Public Comment:

None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Equalization Director Chipman- informed the Board that she submitted the Equalization studies to the State and were accepted.

Treasurer Goudreau- discussed the Sheriff's Office re-cabling project. And requested that they use the extra funds from MMRMA for this. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the re-cabling project in the amount of \$16,700. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause, Hill. NO: None. Absent: None. (Bid attached)

Treasurer Goudreau- requested the Chair sign the revised State grant agreement for the Veterans Service Officer to purchase a vehicle for Veteran outreach. This was continued from previous meeting of 12/21/2021. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to have Chair Hill sign this agreement. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Krause. NO: None. Absent: None. (Agreement attached)

New Business:

CLM Community Action Agency – Toni Phillips was present to request the Board approve renewing the Senior Services Millage and increasing it by .25 mills to total .50 mills. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve this millage and be put on the ballot. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: None.

ARPA Committee- Chris Brynes presented the Board with 4 ARPA Committee requests:

1. Michilimackinac Historical Society - \$100,000 for operational costs. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to donate \$100,000. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee. NO: Lehrke. Absent: None.
2. Les Cheneaux Waterhead Council- Handicap kayak launch- \$30,000 for the dock and installation. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Krause to donate \$30,000. YES: Krause, Hill, Patrick, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: None. Absent: None.
3. 911 Emergency Management - \$100,000 for emergency response, materials and operations. 911 Coor Bryce Tracy was present and answered questions the Board had. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick, no support from other members. Request for funds was denied.
4. Employee Bonus- \$63,000 total costs. \$1,000 full time and \$500 part time. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve paying employees a bonus. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause. NO: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee. Absent: None. Request for bonus was denied. (Proposals attached)

Additional Board member business:

Board discussed helping CLM CAA with heating assistance for seniors. CAA Rep. Don Wright spoke on behalf of CAA and agreed that additional funds to help this winter would be appreciated. Board proposed donating \$25,000 from ARPA funds to CLM CAA for senior home heating. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to donate \$25,000. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Hill, Patrick. NO: None. Absent: None.

Commissioner McPhee informed Board that the furnace/ac in the LMAS Bldg. are in need of replacement.

Public Comment: Sheriff Deputy John Cottenham requested the Board consider broadcasting their meetings by zoom.

Deputy Treasurer Becky Paul Thanked Commissioners Patrick and Krause for supporting the employee bonus. And stated she was disappointed it was not approved and she felt the employees were deserving.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$180,252.15. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills in the amount of \$1,295,664.63. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$2,198. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the additional bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

Communications: December Animal Shelter report.

Recess – Chair Hill recessed the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened by Chair Hill at 6:13 p.m.

Commissioner Krause made a motion to rescind previous election from the January 4, 2022 Organizational meeting and re-do nominations second by Commissioner Patrick. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, Patrick, McPhee, Krause, Hill. NO: None. Absent: None.

Chair Election:

Commissioner McPhee nominated Commissioner Hill for Chair.

Commissioner Patrick nominated himself for Chair.

Commissioner Hill nominated Commissioner Lehrke for Chair.

Vote was taken: Hill received 1 vote for Chair.

Patrick received 1 vote for Chair.

Lehrke received 3 votes for Chair.

Commissioner Lehrke received enough votes was elected Chair.

Vice Chair Election:

Commissioner Krause nominated Commissioner Patrick for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Lehrke nominated Commissioner Krause – he declined nomination.

Vote was taken: Patrick received 4 votes for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Patrick received enough votes was elected Vice Chair.

Adjournment – Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk