

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, January 26, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:31 pm.

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

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

Agenda Approval: Added to the agenda under New Business, Item c) Veterans Board term limits and under Old Business, Item b) Wage/Reclass request. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the minutes of 1/12/2023 as presented. VVMC

Public Comment:
none

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau - went over the 4th Quarter financial reports and answered some questions. She requested the board approve the 1-year contract for GASB 74/75 with Nyhart. The cost for the contract is \$7500, the money was budgeted as well. She reassured the board she will go out for bids next year for this service to see if we can get a better price. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the contract with Nyhart up to \$7500. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Patrick, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (reports attached)

Commissioner Kaiser - presented the revised job description for the Animal Shelter Manager position. Euthanasia license needs to be permitted by the State. Shelter Manager Tina Newsome answered some questions. She informed the board if and when she retires that the euthanasia license will need to be transferred into another employees name that has completed the training and certified to perform euthanasia. (job description attached)

Emergency Manager Mike Kasper – gave an update about some upcoming emergency evacuation exercises. Will be coming to the board at a later date for funding for emergency equipment. This funding will be reimbursed by a state grant after county covers the costs up front.

Under Sheriff Ron Umbarger – inmate numbers are up currently and still dealing with covid.

Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes – working on a project and will be presenting it to the board at the next regular meeting.

New Business:

Portage Twp Clerk Pat MacLachan - requested \$42,800 in ARPA funding for some proposed upgrades to the lighting in downtown Curtis. After some discussion and questions the board suggested donating \$32,090 for a portion of the upgrades. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$32,090. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, St.Louis-Scott, Kaiser, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (ARPA request attached)

After some discussion regarding how to move forward with ARPA funding requests; it was decided to hold off on all requests until Sept. 30, 2023. This will give the board time to figure out a plan on how to proceed with anymore ARPA requests. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to cease any further requests until Sept. 30, 2023. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Patrick, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark.

Road Commissioner Tom Doty – the Road Commission is requesting ARPA funds for the St.Ignace Road Project. He explained why this is an important project for the safety of Marquette Twp residents traveling this road daily. Commissioner Kaiser had some questions on costs. This request is being tabled until a later date.

Commissioner Patrick wanted to set the term limits on the Veterans Board Committee terms. Craig Lehrke-3 year term, Matt Dost-3 year term, Dick Pershinske-2 year term, Doug Loeprich-1 year term. All of these members are already on the board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the term limits. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, St.Louis-Scott, Kaiser, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Clark.

Old Business:

Dick Pershinske - presented the Recycling Initiative to the new board members. After some discussion it was decided to invite EGLE to a meeting in the future to discuss recycling further.

Wage/Reclass:

At the Comm of the Whole meeting on Jan. 24, 2023 this was discussed and determined they did qualify for wage/reclass. A vote was needed to pass the application for the Reg of Deeds office employees wage/reclass. Some discussion was had and ROD Mary Jo Savard answered some questions. Commissioner Litzner had some questions and concerns. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the wage/reclass for the Reg of Deeds office. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, Litzner, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark.

Public Comment:

none

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$63,421.47. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Patrick, Kaiser, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of Jan. 13 for approval in the amount of \$197,904.68. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, St.Louis-Scott, Litzner, Kaiser. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of Jan. 20 for approval in the amount of \$29,234.80. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, St.Louis-Scott, Litzner, Kaiser. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$60,131.61. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: St.Louis-Scott, Litzner, Kaiser, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-03. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: St.Louis-Scott, Patrick, Kaiser, Litzner. NO: none. Absent: Clark. (amendment attached)

Communications:

December banking report, MSP Cyber News, Branch County resolution.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell, County Clerk