

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, January 9, 2020

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Jim Hill, Paul Krause, Dan Litzner, Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick.
Absent: None

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

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to accept the amended agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of December 20, 2019. VVMC

Public Comment: Erin Carter and Susan Kirkland from MSU Extension were present to thank the board for their 2020 budget and to request the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Extension Services. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Agreement attached).

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Equalization Director Chipman discussed equalization studies.

Sheriff Strait discussed budgets, snowmobile fatality.

New Business:

Mackinac Economic Alliance Director Iseri – Director Iseri was present to answer any questions the board had on the MEA 4th Quarter Report. Director Iseri also discussed the need for office space and the \$3,000 E.U.P. Regional Planning grant that was received. (Report attached)

E.U.P. Regional Planning – Tabled.

Mackinac Straits Hospital – Karen Cheeseman and Mike Grisdale from Mackinac Health Systems were present to request the approval of the Amendment to Health Services Agreement and to request a letter of support for the hospital's grant application for an addition to the hospital. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the

agreement. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Agreement attached)

Resolution-Mark Merchberger – The board reviewed a resolution in recognition of Mark Merchberger of the 911 District Board. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the resolution. VVMC (Resolution attached)

County Home Improvement Lien – The board reviewed a letter from Treasurer Goudreau regarding a Discharge of Mortgage of Beatrice Stelzer. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Krause to accept a payoff amount of \$1,875.00. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Letter attached)

Request to Close MERS Health Care Savings Division – Clerk Johnston requested approval from the board to close the MERS Health Care Savings Division. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the request. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Request attached)

2020 Food Pantry Agreements – The board reviewed the Food Pantry Agreements from Curtis Baptist, Love Inc., St. Ignace, and Marcy's. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agreements. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Agreements attached)

Closed Session-Consideration of the purchase of real property/Airport

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to leave regular session at 4:55 p.m. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None.

It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to open closed session at 4:56 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to go come out of closed session at 5:15 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to go back into regular session at 5:18 p.m.

Consideration to Purchase Property/Airport – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve Prein & Newhof and its subconsultant, 4D Acquisition, to present a good faith offer to purchase the avigation easement necessary on the 8015 Cheeseman parcel at the value determined by the appraisal and review appraisal in accordance with

Federal land acquisition regulations. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Technical Appraisal Review attached)

Old Business: None

Additional Board Member Business: Chair Hill informed the board that he has received two employee reclassifications from Christine Bawol and Bill Orr.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment: Treasurer Goudreau requested to close the petty cash for MSU Extension. The board concurred.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$138,917.12, the manual bills in the amount of \$223,703.49, and the additional bills in the amount of \$8,721.84 and \$13,525.95. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills except Judge Graham check for reimbursement of bar dues. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: Litzner. (Bills attached)

Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed Budget Amendments #2019-16. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: Litzner. (Amendments attached)

Letter from Judge Graham-Bar Dues/Transfer – The board discussed a letter from Judge Graham asking for reimbursement of half his bar dues from 2009-2019 in the amount of \$1,732.50 and approval of the transfer of funds from department 132 to 148. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the payment and transfer. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Letter attached)

Communications:

The board reviewed the November Animal Shelter Report, Iron County Resolution, Bay County Resolutions (2), and Kalkaska County Resolutions (2). (Communications attached)

Adjournment – Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk