

# **MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

**Thursday, July 26, 2018**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

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

**Agenda Approval** – It was moved by Commissioner Hill with support by Commissioner McPhee to accept the agenda. VVMC

**Approval of Minutes** – It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the amended minutes of July 12, 2018. VVMC

**Public Comment:** Sheriff Strait informed the board of the passing of previous Mackinac County Sheriff Lawrence “Lumpy” Leveille and discussed his years of service as Sheriff, County Commissioner and St. Ignace City Police Officer. The flag will be placed at half-staff until after the funeral on Tuesday and the sheriff department will be wearing their mourning badges in honor of Sheriff Leveille.

Alec Isseri was present to inform the board that Mackinac Economic Alliance has been awarded an AmeriCorps Vista worker, and to discuss the Shooting for Economic Development fundraiser at the Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club on August 25, 2018 (flyer attached)

## **Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer Goudreau** discussed a Community Action Home Improvement Mortgage that has a discrepancy in the legal description. Treasurer Goudreau requested that the Chair sign a partial discharge release to correct the discrepancy. Treasurer Goudreau discussed a letter for the Veteran Affairs grant for the Chair’s signature, the North Care Network grant options, and the interest of a Bois Blanc resident to purchase property owned by Mackinac County and the need for a title search.

**Jolene Larson, Equalization Clerk** informed the board that Director Chipman is in support of Sheriff Straits security plans.

**Old Business:**

**Veteran Millage** – The board discussed two drafts of the Veterans Affairs millage proposal prepared by the board’s counsel. After the boards review, it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to accept draft 2 of the millage language leaving out the portion for the City of St. Ignace Downtown Development and the Mackinac County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee; NO: Litzner, Patrick; Absent: none. (Drafts attached)

**Security/Letter from Judge Graham** – The board discussed a letter from Judge Graham regarding security issues. No action was taken as the board has met with Oak City Contracting to address some of these issues.

**New Business:**

**Great Lakes Air Rental Agreements (2)** – The board reviewed two rental agreements with the new owners of Great Lakes Air. After board discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to authorize the Chair to sign the two rental agreements. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Agreements attached)

**Bois Blanc Township Resolution No. 2018-80** – The board reviewed the Bois Blanc Township Resolution No. 2018-80 requesting that golf carts be authorized to use all public streets and roads. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee to allow residents to use golf carts on public roads. Sheriff Strait questioned the legality of using roads maintained by the County. Commissioner McPhee withdrew his motion until the board can get clarification from board counsel to make sure they are not in violation of state law. The board tabled the Resolution. (Resolution attached)

**Federal Class Action Lawsuit-PILT** – The board reviewed the Official Notice from the United States Court of Federal Claims regarding a class action suit to recover additional sums under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT). It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support from Commissioner McPhee to authorize the Treasurer to complete the Class Action Opt-In Notice form to recover federal PILT funds.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report** – Treasure Goudreau reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report with the board.

**Resolution – U.P. Area on Aging** – The board reviewed a Resolution from U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY2019 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. After board discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Chair to sign the U.P. Area Agency on Aging Resolution. VVMC (Resolution attached)

**Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner Hill discussed the new speed limit increase and questioned Sheriff Strait on police coverage.

Commissioner McPhee discussed meeting with Senator Schmidt regarding Brownfield Authority and the Lawson property.

**Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Hill discussed the hiring of Veterans Services Officer Luis Perez and the \$15,000 Veterans Grant request.

Commissioner Litzner discussed his board appointment to Community Action and requested to be removed from the board as he is not available to make it to the meetings. The board agreed to remove Commissioner Litzner from the Community Action Board.

Commissioner Krause discussed letters from Dawn Johnson regarding the animal shelter. After board discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize Director Newsome to handle the situation in the best interests of Mackinac County. VVMC (letters attached)

**Public Comments:** Sheriff Strait reminded the board of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on August 4, 2018.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$18,545.82 and the manual bills in the amount of \$23,784.22. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Bills attached)

Additional Bills – The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$378.22. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Hill to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Additional bills attached)

**Communications:**

The board reviewed the Notice of Land Acquisition Application (2), State Tax Commission Valuations, Huron County Resolution, Bay County Resolution, Mecosta County Resolution, MMRMA Letter of Distribution, Letter from Michael Shea, Letter from Mayor Doud, Letter from Voters Not Politicians

**Adjournment** – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Lori Johnston  
County Clerk