

## MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St. St. Ignace, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:33 pm.

Roll Call: Paul Krause, Jim Hill, Diane Patrick, Bucky McPhee, Dan Litzner

Absent: None

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions - It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amended agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of July 13, 2017. VVMC

Public Comment – Chairman Hill introduced Dorothy Glashaw to the board. Ms. Glashaw informed the board that a picture of the old fishing village of Epoufette has recently been removed from the Circuit Courtroom. Ms. Glashaw gave a brief history of the area in the picture and stated that it was her grandfather's house in the picture. Ms. Glashaw read a letter from Hendricks Township Supervisor Howard Hood, requesting the board offer the picture to Hendricks Township to be hung in their newly redone office. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to offer the painting to Hendricks Township. VVMC

### **Business:**

**Clark Township Marina Facility** – John Torsky informed the board of Clark Township's revitalization project of the Cedarville waterfront. The project is estimated to be about \$1.1 million and Clark Township has secured grants from Michigan Waterways and the DNR Trust Fund. Local monies secured to date include \$140,000 from Clark Township, \$10,000 from Les Cheneaux Lions Club, \$10,000 from Les Cheneaux Watershed Council and \$10,000 from Les Cheneaux Islands Association. Clark Township will not award bids until the local match is covered and at this time \$200,000 is needed. Mr. Torsky requested that Mackinac County contribute \$50,000 and that the money could possibly come from the previous sale of properties for delinquent taxes in Clark Township.

Gerry VaneVusse, Director of the Watershed Council addressed the board stating that he goes by the location daily and has noted the boats lined up and the need for a third ramp.

Bob Dunn stated that another important factor for the project is to provide critical response time to the Island residents.

Commissioner Patrick commended the 10-12 group of people that have worked diligently to earn the money needed for this project. Commissioner Patrick believes the requested amount is fair based on the amount of grant funding and that she is in support of the request.

Commissioner Krause mentioned that he has utilized the Cedarville boat ramp and agrees that it needs to be updated as the ramp is not adequate. However, other townships/cities in Mackinac County have also had projects of this nature and he is concerned that if the County appropriates such a large amount for this project that other townships/cities will expect support for their projects.

Chairman Hill gave a brief history of the township/city appropriations in the past, to wit; \$2,000 to Newton Township for a restroom, \$3,000 to Garfield Township for an oven, \$10,000 to the Snowmobile Museum. Chairman Hill agrees that it's a needed project and suggested that the board consider an appropriation of \$10,000. Commissioner McPhee agreed that \$50,000 was a lot and that \$10,000 would be more practical.

Discussion continued regarding possible other sources for contributions like Graymont, Enbridge or Mackinac Economic Alliance. The consensus was that none of them would be able to help.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick to allocate \$25,000 to Clark Township's Waterfront Project. No support was had. Motion does not pass.

It was moved by Commissioner McPhee to allocate \$10,000 to Clark Township's Waterfront Project with support by Commissioner Krause. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Project information attached)

**Mackinac Economic Alliance** – Anne Ottaway introduced the new Mackinac Economic Alliance Director Alex Iseri. Mr. Iseri introduced himself to the board and gave a brief history of his work experience. Mr. Iseri informed the board of various projects that he will be working on and distributed a sheet listing Projects in the Works. (List attached).

**Resolution-MI Senate Bill 400/MI House Bill 4651**– 911 Director Bryce Tracy requested support for House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400. These changes in 911 Legislation will provide stable funding and allow continued movement to a redundant, reliable, and robust 911 Network and infrastructure. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to support the Resolution to Request Support for Michigan Senate Bill 400 and Michigan House Bill 4651 Amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report** – The board reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Sheriff Scott Strait** – Sheriff Strait informed the board that the retirement luncheon for Sergeant Chris Groty was today and he will be missed. Sheriff Strait will be interviewing for his position next week.

Cook Parsons is recovering from surgery and the replacement cook that was lined up has moved and will not be able to fill in for her. The board discussed possible help from restaurants or previous employees. Sheriff Strait is looking into various options.

Only two of the new vehicles are left to outfit and the Deputies are pleased with the new vehicles which allow them more room and better gas mileage. The vehicles have all been marked the same, which will allow for easier transition to different deputies. The liquor proceeds will be paying for outfitting the vehicles. Two of the older vehicles have been sold to Schoolcraft and Baraga Counties and the remaining vehicles will be listed for sale by next week.

Sheriff Strait read a letter from Community Action thanking Deputy Robert St. Louis for all the work he has done for the Seniors of Mackinac County. The board briefly discussed the tether program.

The Driving Simulator grant has been received and there will be a presentation on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

**Commissioner Hill** informed the board that they have received an invitation from Billy Kirkland, the White House Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, to participate in the Michigan County Commissioners' White House Conference and White House Tour on August 8, 2017. The purpose of this event is to develop a working relationship between the White House/Federal Agencies and the County Commissioners of Michigan. Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Patrick are interested in attending and have estimated the cost around \$850 per person. Commissioner Krause thought it was a great opportunity for the County to get more connections. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to pay for the cost for Commissioners' Hill and Patrick to attend the conference. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Invitation attached)

Chairman Hill informed the board of the MAC/MCMCFC Annual Conference that is being held on Mackinac Island on September 24-26, 2017.

Chairman Hill asked the board if they had any candidates for the Veteran Services Board. The board discussed various candidates.

Chairman Hill read a letter from Sheri Oja regarding the heating/cooling system in the Courthouse Annex building. Ms. Oja is requesting that the system be inspected due to unsatisfactory temperatures. Commissioner McPhee will contact Custodian Bill Orr to find a solution to the problem.

Chairman Hill informed the board that the work being done in the District Court Jury room has been completed satisfactorily and Oak City can be paid.

Commissioner McPhee thanked Mackinac Economic Alliance Director Anne Ottaway for her contributions throughout the years.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$51,537.31 and the manual bills in the amount of \$229,206.28. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills, except for 44 North invoice. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Bills attached)

The additional bills were reviewed and it was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills in the amount of \$3,226.20. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Additional bills list attached)

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve budget amendments #17-17 to #17-18. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Amendments attached)

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Lori Johnston  
Mackinac County Clerk