

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday July 27, 2023**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday July 27, 2023 in the Boardroom Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

**Agenda Approval:** 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 Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 7/13/2023 as amended. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

Don Butkovich – Garfield Township Supervisor checking on the status of the Road Commission public hearings.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – waiting on 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial reports to present to the board.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – currently has 3 open positions and 2 people interested.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – e-filing for the Register of Deeds Office is ready to use.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – wage study interviews went well and Municipal Consulting Services is hoping to have the study completed by early October.

**New Business:**

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott presented the window annex repair bid for approval. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the bid in the amount of \$1,475. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bid attached)

UHY Auditor Karen Shafik – presented summarized 2022 audit report; still in draft form. An extension was requested by Treasurer Goudreau for filing with the State so that the Auditors would not have to file a Modified Opinion due to some issues with the Road Commission Audit. The members had some questions for Karen. Some discussion was had on eliminating debt from the E911 fund owed to the 516-tax fund. Karen thanked all the departments for cooperating during the audit process.

Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to enter into closed session under MCL 15.267(1) for the consideration of purchasing real property. Second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. Moved into closed session at 4:50pm.

It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to leave closed session at 5:15pm. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion was had on the previous request for retiree bonuses from the ARPA funds. Chair Patrick explained that the \$4000 payment in lieu of raise those current employees received was not a bonus but a negotiated one-time payment per the union contracts. This one-time payment was paid out of the ARPA funds. The employees had requested a 10% raise; and in return the board agreed to 3.5% raise and the one-time payment in lieu of raise. Chair Patrick explained that this payment was not a covid related bonus.

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott said that retirees should be compensated from ARPA funds for working through the pandemic. Sheriff Wilk said this one-time payment had nothing to do with covid. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to deny the request for an ARPA bonus for retirees. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick. NO: St.Louis-Scott.

Discussion was also had on paying retiree retro pay back to January. 1, 2022; when the contract should have been ratified. But it was not completely ratified until April 13, 2022. The POLC contract states only employees currently employed at time of ratification will receive the raise retro pay to January 1, 2022. Sheriff Wilk also said he talked to Corporate Counsel Bonnie Toskey relating to both of these requests. She gave her opinion that these requests for retiree ARPA bonus or the raise retro pay for retired employees should not be approved. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Chair Patrick to deny the request for retro pay for retired employees. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick. NO: Litzner, St.Louis-Scott.

### **Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner Litzner asked if we would be adding discussion of Road Commissioner to the next agenda if the board receives the letter from them.

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – gave an update on the emergency evacuation exercise planned for Mackinac Island will be after labor day. And the bridge deck replacement is starting and will be a multiple year project. This will cause delays in traffic.

### **Committee Reports:**

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott attended CLMCAA. They discussed that the homeless population growing. The CLMCAA has used a good portion of their grant funds for housing such as hotels for the homeless. CLMCAA is looking at building a homeless shelter.

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott discussed the Mackinac Island sewer project bid. Now it has increased dramatically since the initial bid was given approximately 3 years ago due to inflation costs. They are looking at funding and grants.

Chair Patrick attended 911 board meeting. Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Counties will be receiving new emergency signs for hiking, snowmobile and ATV trails.

**Public Comment:** Dick Pershinske-Veterans Board Chair asked if a Veterans Rep still needs to attend a meeting to answer questions. Commissioner Litzner still would like a Veterans Rep to attend and it will be up to the board to arrange this.

Don Butkovich – Garfield Township Supervisor asked how to submit ARPA funds request and the process the board is using to select projects to fund.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – Veteran’s parking sign has been installed.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the regular bills of July 27 for approval in the amount of \$12,888.33. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of July 14 for approval in the amount of \$33,049.82. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of July 20 for approval in the amount of \$63,708.49. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of July 26 for approval in the amount of \$187,209.70. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-24. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-26. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-27. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-28. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-29. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-30. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

**Communications:**

MSU Extension report

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 6:18pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk