

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday June 12, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Wednesday June 12, 2024 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of May 23 as amended. VVMC.

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske, Veterans Committee Chair – spoke about the Veterans Committee meeting on June 11. He feels Veterans Services with other entities such as Community Action are not organized to provide services. Currently there are 3 homeless Veterans in the County. And a FOIA request was turned over to MSP for investigation.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – requested to move the Deputy Admin Clerk position to pay grade 5 step 3 at \$21.25 hr. Per the union contract the Board of Commissioners can move an employee up to step 3. The current Deputy Admin Clerk is looking for other jobs for higher pay and Clerk Vowell would like to keep her as an employee. Commissioner Kaiser said since she was not a new employee this did not apply. Clerk Vowell said she has been employed less than 1 year and it should apply. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to table this request. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (request attached)

New Business:

Les Cheneaus Community Schools Superintendent Bob Lohff – spoke on the need for a School Resource Officer. School safety is #1 concern right now. This officer could provide education to staff and students on safety issues. This needs to be further discussed with the Sheriff and brought back at a later date.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – presented the L4029 tax rate request to the board. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the L4029. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (L4029 attached)

Old Business:

the sidewalk bids were reviewed: Winberg Masonry - \$13,600 and Clark Contracting - \$14,000. The board discussed the bids. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the bid from Clark Contracting in the amount of \$14,000. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bids attached)

The Circuit Courtroom remodel engineering bids were reviewed. Court Administrator Heather Wilk presented bids from Sidock Group and Byce Services to the board. Craig Froggett and Fred Ganyon from Clark Contracting were present to answer questions. If the board hired Clark Contracting at the project manager, they can team with either engineering firm. After some discussion it was decided to go with Sidock Group as the engineering firm and project manager would be Clark Contracting. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the contract with Sidock/Clark Contracting. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bids attached)

Reclass request of the Circuit Court Administrator and the Prosecutors Crime Victim Advocate will be postponed until all board members can be present.

Discussion of the Veterans Committee resolution was had. Chair Dick Pershinske said item D- is an opinion and needs to be stricken. And second paragraph on last page under "be it further resolved" should be set by Veteran Committee not by Board of Commissioners. The resolution will be reviewed further and brought to a later meeting.

Discussion of the letter to Cohl, Stoker & Toskey will be postponed until the full board can be present.

It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to go into closed session at 5:42pm. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to leave closed session at 5:47pm. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to go back into regular session at 5:48pm. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Patrick attended Mental Health meeting in Traverse City. Commissioner Kaiser said the MMP NOI has been submitted to EGLE and the housing project should be closing on the property soon.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to authorize Treasurer Goudreau to wire funds for the closing of the housing project property. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner.

Commissioner Kaiser attended meeting to go over the Friend of the Court wages for 2025. Judge Graham recommended added travel expenses to his wages. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to allow Commissioner Kaiser to enter into negotiations for the pay structure of the FOC. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner.

Commissioner Kaiser spoke on the Veterans Audit and mediation. She said Attorney Bonnie Toskey said the Veterans Committee has to comply with the audit.

Friend of the Court Josh Freed – requested to keep Kathleen Smith on hand to train a new employee in the office until September. He is requesting money be used from the special fund 215 to cover the costs. He would like an additional \$6000. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the \$6000 from the 215 fund for Kathleen Smith. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott said the Opioid Committee will be meeting again in July.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of June 12 for approval in the amount of \$46,225.65. These bills were previously reviewed and approved prior to the meeting due to an additional week between meetings. The Clerk's Office did not want the bills to be late. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of May 30 for approval in the amount of \$23,226.27. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills part 1 of June 12 for approval in the amount of \$161,303.84. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills part 2 of June 12 for approval in the amount of \$147,493.91. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.19. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.20. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.21. After some discussion it was decided to table this amendment. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to table this amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.22. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.23. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.24. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Clark, Litzner. (amendment attached)

Communications:

Animal Shelter reports, thank you letter from Les Cheneaux Community Foundation, MSU Extension newsletter, April banking report.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned to the call of the Vice Chair at 6:19pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk