

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 14, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 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 Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018. VVMC

Public Comment: Sheri Oja was present to discuss Article 15, Section 3, of the AFSCME union contract to clarify if employees could leave the building to walk around the courthouse on their breaks. The board agreed that employees could leave the building on their breaks.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Equalization Director Chipman discussed the plat book cover photo contest, the 2018 Tax Rate Request L-4029, and the Truth In Taxation hearing. The board scheduled the Truth In Taxation hearing for June 28, 2018 at 4:25 p.m. (L-4029 attached)

Treasurer Goudreau discussed the Michigan Department of Treasury U.P. Summit.

Shelter Administrator Newsome notified the board that they will be receiving a bill from the Pelston Animal Clinic because the local veterinary was booked up.

Sheriff Strait discussed CHC Inmate Health Services. CHC will no longer be providing inmate health services to the County after August. Sheriff Strait provided the board with information on the proposed new provider, Advanced Correctional Healthcare. The Chair will review the agreement. (CHC letter and Advanced Program Overview attached)

Sheriff Strait discussed the Port Security Grant and discussed a need for a “near shore” boat to enable officers to get to the shoreline. The boat will replace two of the Sheriff Department current boats, the 1992 Mirror craft and a 1996 Lund.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the MSCTC Training Grant was approved. The Sheriff has one officer attending the academy. Sheriff Strait informed the board that he will be losing one correction officer and will be advertising for another officer to fill that position.

Old Business:

Non-Union Defined Contribution Plan – The board discussed the letter from Judge Graham requesting the non-union courthouse employees receive the 1% increase for MERS retirement that the AFSCME union employees received. There was no support given and no action was taken. (Letter attached)

Reconfiguration of District Court Staff – The board discussed the meeting with Judge Gibson regarding the reconfiguration of the District Court staff and the caseload and probation report for the previous five years. The board will review when preparing for the 2019 Budget. (Letter, Caseload/Probation report attached)

Veterans Services Officer – The board discussed the request of the Veterans Affairs Board to provide the Veterans Services Officer with an employment contract instead of an Independent Contractor contract. The board discussed MERS retirement and the need for a cell phone and laptop. The board will prepare an employment contract at \$18 per hour, minimum of 21 hours per week, with no benefits. Treasurer Goudreau discussed the veteran grant and informed the board that the employment contract will need to be sent to the State by August 1. (Independent contract attached)

Veteran Millage Proposal – The board discussed the Veteran Services Millage proposal and after a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to authorize the attorney to prepare the millage wording. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none.

New Business:

St. Ignace Township Request for Funds – St. Ignace Township Clerk Oja was present to request funds to assist with the Foley Creek Day Park. After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize a payment of \$2,000 to be paid after the purchases have been made and after a contract is prepared between St. Ignace Township and Mackinac County to provide a day park for the residents of Mackinac County. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Letter attached)

Non-Economic Manual – The board reviewed the Hiring Preference wording and after a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to insert the Hiring Preference wording in the Non-Economic Manual. VVMC

The board reviewed the Election Filing wording and after a lengthy discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to insert the Election Filing wording in the Non-Economic Manual. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee; NO: Litzner, Patrick; Absent: none. After further discussion, it was moved by Chair Patrick second by Commissioner Litzner to add a link to the website for election notices. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none.

Prescription Proposal Changes – The board reviewed suggested changes from the Health Insurance Committee to change from BC/BS prescription coverage to ARxO with 44North effective August 1, 2018. After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to change from BC/BS to ARxO prescription coverage and authorize the agreements to be signed. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Proposed Savings Summary, BC/BS Cancellation Agreement, and ARxO Agreement attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Chair Patrick discussed the Summary of Freedom of the Information booklet provided from the county attorney. Chair Patrick requested that ten more books be ordered.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner McPhee discussed the Escanaba U.P. Fair 2 million dollar donation for the U.P. Veteran Museum and informed the board that the State contributed \$50 thousand to the museum.

Public Comments: Becky Paul presented the Chair with the Peer Review Surveyor Professional Services Agreement for signature. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to authorize the chair to sign the Peer Group Agreement. VVMC (Peer Group Agreement attached)

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$108,965.70 and the manual bills in the amount of \$119,216.43. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner 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 \$1,493.79. It was moved by Commissioner Krause 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 letter from William Gnodtke, Kalkaska Resolution, MEA Update/Statement of Activity, May shelter report, Thank you letters.

Adjournment – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk