

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Monday June 19, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday June 19, 2023 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 4:38pm.

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 Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott 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 Committee of the Whole meeting on 6/6/2023 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 6/8/2023 as amended. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, St.Louis-Scott. NO: Patrick

Public Comment:

None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Ed Wilk – currently has 2 open correction positions. He also said he would like to be the new IT person. He currently does the Sheriff Office IT. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott and second by Commissioner Patrick to appoint Sheriff Wilk to the IT position. Roll Call: YES: St.Louis-Scott, Patrick. NO: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner. Motion failed. It was decided to put this on the next meeting agenda for further review.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – starting appraisals soon and still has open positions in his office. He would like to use Mallory Johnston from the Register of Deeds Office to be a floater and fill in as needed. The Register of Deeds Office has agreed to this arrangement.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented a quote for cyber security services. There are grants available for cyber security and would like to talk to MMRMA again regarding this. She is worried we might not have enough cyber security to protect our records. She would like to know how to proceed with this. (quote attached)

Treasurer Goudreau – requested the board give her authority to open the sealed bids for the Bois Blanc property on June 22. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to give the Treasurer the authority to open the bids. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Treasurer Goudreau brought up that the funeral leave for the employees in the economic manual does not match the funeral leave in the union contracts. They would like to see aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and step-parents added to the economic manual. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to add the above-mentioned family members to the economic manual. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

New Business: 2 letters from retirees were presented requesting they get paid a bonus out of the ARPA monies. The current employees did not receive an ARPA bonus but rather a one-time payment in lieu of raise when the union contracts were ratified. Retiree Brenda Montie spoke on this ARPA bonus and requested she be paid the retro amount of the union contract negotiated raise; since she retired prior to it being ratified. The Sheriff contract should have been ratified by January 1, 2022 but was not until May 2022. Retiree Bill Orr also spoke on the ARPA bonus. Commissioner Litzner would like to table this request for further review. Commissioner St.Louis-Scott mentioned that other counties gave ARPA funded bonuses to retirees as well as current employees. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to table this request and look into it further before making a decision. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request letters attached)

A resolution opposing legislation on establishing a statewide septic code was presented for approval. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve this resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (resolution attached)

A letter of support for the Graymont Rexton project was presented for approval. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (letter attached)

A resolution in support of re-building Nunn's Creek Bridge on EW trail #47 was presented for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve this resolution with amendment to trail #. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. No: none. (resolution attached)

A resolution authorizing the sale of LMAS building was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the sale of LMAS building. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (resolution attached)

Old Business:

A bid from Amistee for duct cleaning was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the bid for \$25,980 and reimbursement for actual travel expenses. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bid attached)

Republican Committee Chair Roxanne Dufort was present to a resolution in support of the 2nd amendment. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the resolution as written. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (resolution attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Litzner said Moran Twp contacted Emmet Co to get more info on their recycling program.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Kaiser briefly discussed the Housing Commission. Commissioner Patrick mentioned there is a new housing program coming to the Upper Peninsula.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$107,695.32. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser 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 for approval in the amount of \$99,700.11. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-17. 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)

Communications:

A letter was received from Moran Twp regarding the summer traffic on the bridge with tourists seeking alternate routes to and from the bridge. The board said this was a police patrol issue not a county issue. Sheriff said he did receive a grant from AAA for speed signs. No action was taken. (letter attached)

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk