

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 22, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 22, 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 4:30 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 McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes –It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017. VVMC

Public Comment – None

BUSINESS:

Truth In Taxation Resolution – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to adopt the Resolution Imposing the 2017 Property Tax Levy. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached)

Mackinac Island Bicentennial Resolution – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Krause to adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Bicentennial of the Borough of Michilimackinac. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached)

Tax Auction Report – Treasurer Goudreau presented the board with the 2017 Annual Report-Tax Auction Proceeds Fund. The balance of the unrestricted tax auction proceeds from 2010-2015 as of January 1, 2017 is \$764,547.44. Treasurer Goudreau discussed the liabilities and expenses and informed the board that in the past the general reserve monies held by the Treasurer for any shortfalls, legal counsel or miscellaneous costs were \$350,000.00. Treasurer Goudreau increased this amount to \$500,000.00 which would leave an available balance to the General Fund of \$185,439.73. (Report attached)

Mackinac Economic Alliance/Michigan State University Extension – Dean Reid was present to discuss the new Executive Director for Mackinac Economic Alliance and the need for office space. Mr. Reid suggested that the new Director be given office space in the

Extension office. Jim Lucas, Extension Director was present and gave his approval. The board agreed to provide the new Director with office space in the Extension office.

Luce County Veteran Contract – Chairman Hill informed the board that the Luce County Board of Commissioners turned down the Agreement for Veteran services presented to them as they do not think Mackinac County is offering them enough money for the services they provide and suggested the contract length be reduced to four months. Chairman Hill presented a letter from U.P. Regional Coordinator, Michael Bachand, suggesting that Mackinac County sign the agreement with Luce County. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to authorize the Chair to sign the Veteran Services Agreement with Luce County for the period of July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Agreement/Letter attached)

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Scott Strait – Sheriff Strait informed the board that the air conditioner has been repaired for approximately \$3,000.

The Sheriff Deputies have been assisting Enbridge security while tests on Line 5 are performed. Enbridge has reimbursed the costs for patrols and vehicle expenses in the amount of \$11,953.75. Sheriff Strait requested a Budget Amendment for this amount.

Sheriff Deputy Troy Garlock has completed his training at the Corrections Academy and Sheriff Strait requested that Mr. Garlock receive a step increase from step 1 to step 2. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the step increase. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none.

Sheriff Strait discussed Auto Show and 4th of July activities.

Commissioner Patrick questioned the radio notification for bridge closures. Sheriff Strait and 911 Director Bryce Tracey informed the board that due to a lightning strike the electrical power was down and there was no way to communicate.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau - Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that she, Clerk Johnston and Chief Deputy Clerk Fitzpatrick had a phone conference with auditor Paul Bailey to review the audit. Mr. Bailey will be attending the next meeting to review the audit with the board.

Equalization Director Pam Chipman – Director Chipman informed the board that she has hired David Sullivan as Equalization Appraiser and he will be starting on July 5th.

Chairman Hill questioned Director Chipman about the cooling problem in the server room. Director Chipman stated that a solution is being looked into and the door is temporarily open and anyone entering has to sign in.

Additional Board Member Bussines:

Commissioner Patrick informed the board that Jim German informed her that the State will be covering the cost for Michigan Works retirement funding shortfall in the amount of approximately \$800,000.00. Chairman Hill questioned who stepped up to make this happen and Commissioner Patrick stated it was due to lobbying, help from Chippewa County Jim German, Chief of Staff for Tom Casperson, John Walton, Steve Canello and MERS lobbyists.

Commissioner Krause questioned the negative amount on the Revenue & Expenses Report. Treasurer Goudreau stated that it was because the property tax revenue has not been received yet.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that Enbridge allows tours of their test plant in Mackinac City. The cost to perform tests on Line 5 was approximately 3 million. Enbridge's testing passed inspection. Commissioner Krause stated that Enbridge pays a large amount of property tax and the county would lose millions in tax revenue if not received and that gas prices would soar.

Commissioner Litzner commented on the interview process for the new Upward Talent Council CEO and that he will inform the board as to what plans are coming.

Public Comment:

Extension Director Jim Lucas discussed Expo Days; employee Jim Nash chemotherapy is completed and he is doing well; and the room for the new Mackinac Economic Alliance employee will be ready. Director Lucas stated that he appreciates the Board's support.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$30,157.52 and the manual bills in the amount of \$217,976.96. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Bills attached)

It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment for Department 301 in the amount of \$11,953.75. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Amendment attached) #17-15

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk