

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 23, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Roll Call: Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke, Jim Hill.
Absent: none.

Agenda Approval: Amend agenda by adding: a) Contract for extra clerk hire under “New Business”. Remove FOC out of “Elected Officials/Staff Reports”. Under “Old Business” remove discussion of accrued time pay out. And add b) Tree removal bid under “Old Business”. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 6/9/2022 as presented. VVMC.

Public Comment:

Shirley Sorrels from Ojibwa Museum thanked the board for their ARPA donation to purchase a pavilion.

Cindy Post Byron spoke briefly on the Michigan auto reform.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – requested to have a new hire moved to step 3 pay grade 4. The board had questions for ROD Savard. After some discussion Commissioner Patrick moved to approve moving the new hire to step 3 grade 4 at \$17.86 hr. Second by Commissioner Hill. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: Krause. (letter attached)

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard also requested ARPA funds for new computer software to get the ROD records online. The board requested that she present more info on this and the bids at the next meeting.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – had a bid to remove trees and shrubs on the Courthouse property. Northern Tree Service was the only bid that she received. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the tree removal bid in the amount of \$3,700. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (bid attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – had 2 officers finish the corrections academy. The jail population is staying at approximately 18-20 inmates.

Equalization Dept Jolene Larsen – gave an update regarding the search for a Deputy Director.

New Business:

Clerk Hillary Vowell – discussed contracting with retired County Clerk Lori Johnston to help with some training for the new Chief Deputy. Clerk Vowell will draft a contract for the next board meeting for approval.

Old Business:

Bryce Tracy on behalf of the Health Insurance committee gave an update on the search for other health coverage options.

Additional Board Member Business:

The board discussed the Auto Reform resolution. Cindy Post-Byron answered some questions. Clerk Vowell will have a copy for approval at the next meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve this resolution at the next meeting. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. (sample attached)

Public Comment:

Sue Cameron-AFSCME Union representative informed the board that it was brought to her attention that some Department Heads are telling their employees not to join the union. The board discussed this and will address this issue at the next Department Head meeting.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$8,912.20. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick, Hill. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$60,882.11. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$91,122.13. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-16 for additional computer expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-14 for airport fuel expenses. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-15 for furnace maintenance for the replacement of the boiler. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Krause, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications: May banking report, resolution from Missaukee County.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk