

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday June 27, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday June 27, 2024 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Public Comment:

Lester Livermore – thanked the board for the pay raise.

Mary Hobson – turned in a FOIA appeal request to the board.

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 a new employee up to step 3. Discussion was had on hiring a new person and reviewing this request at that time. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Litzner to approve this request. Roll Call: YES: Patrick. NO: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, St. Louis-Scott. (request attached)

Discussion of the Juneteenth Holiday. Union employees did not have this as a holiday in the union contract. The court offices have this holiday per a LAO by the Chief Judge. This could be something that is negotiated for in the next union contract. Treasurer Goudreau recommended giving the employees that did not take the holiday an extra personal day. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the additional personal day to employees who did not take the holiday. Roll Call: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented the list of foreclosed properties for the first right of refusal. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to accept the first right of refusal and not purchase any of the foreclosed properties. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (list attached)

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – It's free to sign up for the property fraud protection. She is trying to encourage everyone to sign up to protect themselves.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – received only 1 resume for the part time Clerk position. People are looking for full time work. He needs to get out in the field soon for appraisals so the office will need another employee. He requested to be put on the next agenda to request a full time Clerk position.

Veterans Committee Chair Dick Pershinske – received 3 applicants for Veteran Committee open seat. The board would need 72 hours to review them before the next meeting.

New Business:

2 bids were received for the parking lot seal coat. Bids are as follows:

Pitch Black Seal Coat - \$10,000, Superior Seal Coat - \$17,527.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the bid from Pitch Black in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.
(bids attached)

The Veterans Service Grant Fund application was reviewed. Chair Litzner had some questions about the purchase policy that was included in the application. Discussion was had on the Veterans Service Officer acquiring a PIV card. Some changes need to be made and brought back to the next meeting on the grant application.

The architect bid was reviewed for the remodel of the EMS building to turn into office space for the Veterans Service Office. Discussion of possibly selling the building and purchasing a home to renovate into office space. Or putting a modular office onto the Courthouse property for the Veterans Office. Commissioner Patrick and St. Louis-Scott will look into possibly getting a trailer for the Veterans Service Officer to work out of. No action was taken on this topic. It will be brought up at a later date.

Old Business:

2nd Amended Salary Resolution for the non-union/non-elected was reviewed for approval. It was decided to retro this back to June 3 when the others were given their raise per the wage study. Also, the retirement was increased by 1% to match the union and elected Salary resolutions. The Undersheriff salary was moved to \$76,000 also. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the 2nd Amended Salary Resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (resolution attached)

2 bills for Veterans assistance was held for non-payment at previous meetings. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to approve these bills in the amount of \$1500. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none.

A revised bid from Sidock Engineering was presented to the board for approval. The bid has decreased due to partnering with Clark Contracting as the Project Manager. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the revised bid. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bid attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott asked where the board was at with the decision to install zoom equipment. Clerk Vowell said the zoom will be integrated into the court room remodel project.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Clark said the Manistique Lakes Dam Committee will be scheduling a meeting soon to go over the Special Assessment District.

Commissioner Kaiser discussed the FOC salary proposals. She will be touching base with the other counties again on this. The housing project is moving forward. And a joint meeting needs to be scheduled with the Board of Commissioners and the Veterans Committee.

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske asked where the county was at with a county administrator. Chair Litzner said this topic was hit with a lot of opposition.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of June 27 for approval in the amount of \$37,350.60. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick 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 of June 21 for approval in the amount of \$31,574.47. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of June 27 for approval in the amount of \$100,614.02. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the bill for the Dam Committee legal counsel for approval in the amount of \$584, which is 50% shared cost with Luce County. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the legal counsel bill. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bill attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.25. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.26. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.27. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications:

Baraga Co resolutions, May banking report, May Animal Shelter report

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:26pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk