

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 8, 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 Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes –It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017. VVMC. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amended minutes of May 25, 2017. VVMC

Public Comment – None

Business:

- Veteran Affairs/Enact PA 192 of 1953 – Chairman Hill reminded the board that at the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 23, 2017 the board decided to enact PA 192 of 1953. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to enact PA 192 of 1953 for Veteran Affairs. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None.

-Veteran Affairs/Funding Decision – The board discussed three options for funding of Veteran Affairs and whether to put .1 millage to the ballot for financing veteran affairs. Commissioner Patrick stated that she was not opposed to a millage request, but was trying to be strategic about it and didn't want negative ramifications. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to put the Veteran funding request on the November ballot for up to .1 mil. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Option Sheet/Sample Budget attached).

- Resolution for Wolverine Bank Business – Treasurer Goudreau requested approval from the board to reopen the account with Wolverine Bank for investment purposes. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support from Commissioner Litzner approve the Resolution to reopen the account with Wolverine Bank for investment purposes. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached).

- Transition Information/Security Benefit to Standard – Clerk Johnston discussed the plan transition summary from Retirement Plan Advisors (RPA). RPA is requesting to change our deferred compensation plan Recordkeeper and Administrator from Security Benefits to The Standard. The board agreed as there will be better investment opportunities for the employees. (Plan Transition Summary attached).

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

-2017 Tax Rate Request (L-4029), Equalization Director/Pam Chipman – Director Chipman presented the board with the 2017 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029). The operating millage will roll back from 4.5000 to 4.4905 due to Headley and in order for the County to collect the 4.5000 mil, a Truth and Taxation Hearing must be held. The board discussed the financial impact and the consensus from the board was to proceed with the Truth and Taxation hearing to be held on June 22, 2017 to collect the 4.5000 mils. (Form L-4029 attached).

-Equalization Applicant, Director Pam Chipman – Director Chipman informed the board that she found an applicant for the Appraiser position and would like to hire him. This applicant has a 4 year bachelor degree, is a real estate agent, had a limited appraiser license and was enrolled in the MCAO program. The applicant will be required to finish the certification within 1 year of employment.

-Undersheriff Ed Wilk – Undersheriff Wilk informed the board that Enbridge is conducting hydro testing on Line 5 and the Sheriff department is providing security for them.

The new vehicles are coming along and the F250 truck is now being used by courthouse maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlock are not having any more issues with the cat problem.

Jail Housing doing o.k., but a female inmate had to be housed in Chippewa County because there is a case involving the two females and they cannot be housed together.

Commissioner Patrick questioned if the Sheriff was going to attempt another millage request for the new jail, but Undersheriff Wilk was not sure. Commissioner Krause questioned the cost to house an inmate in Chippewa County compared to other counties. Undersheriff Wilk indicated that the cost was not the only issue and for security reasons and staffing it was best to house inmates closer to the county.

Additional Board Member Business:

-Mackinac Island Bicentennial – Commissioner McPhee informed the board that Mackinac Island will be celebrating the Bicentennial of the Borough of Michilimackinac and asked the board if they would like to present a Resolution to Mackinac Island at their ceremony on July 7th. The board agreed that a Resolution should be prepared and presented to them at their ceremony.

-Economic Alliance Director – Commissioner Patrick informed the board that Mackinac

Economic Alliance has found a very qualified new Director and Anne Ottaway, the current Director, will be continuing under an advisory capacity.

-Upward Talent Council, Michigan Works – Commissioner Krause informed the board that the Upward Talent Council selection committee has found a candidate to replace current Director Orin Bailey and will be holding a meeting to confirm him.

-Cormorant Issues – Commissioner Krause discussed the problem local resort communities are having with cormorants. The state is not allowing hunting of the birds and the community is having issues with them. The Sportsman Club will help to prepare a Resolution to address this issue.

Committee Reports – None

Public Comment – None

Approval of the Bills/Budget Amendments – The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$31,109.20 and the manual bills in the amount of \$44,690.34. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Bills attached)

Additional Bills - The board reviewed the Additional Bills List in the amount of \$1,424.39 It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Additional Bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Additional bills list attached)

Communications:

The board discussed the letter from Prosecutor Stuart Spencer regarding his intention to exercise his right as co-employer during the next union negotiations. Commissioner Hill informed the board that he has a right to participate, but in management issues only.

Commissioner Hill informed the board that he met with Circuit Court Judge William Carmody regarding Michigan Indigent Defense Commission 's approval of Minimum Standards for Indigent Defense Requirements for Funding Units to Submit Compliance Plans. Each county is required to establish a set of minimum standards for indigent criminal defense services by November 20, 2017. The board will put together a committee to address this.

Adjournment - Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk