

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, March 10, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lehrke at 4:32 pm.

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

Roll Call: Jim Hill, Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke.

Agenda Approval: amended agenda by adding discussion of VSO Assistant salary to Old Business and Equalization Director hire to New Business. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to accept the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 2/24/2022. VVMC

Public Comment:

Susan Kirkman – MSU Extension gave an update on the activities and upcoming events.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau- presented the Empiric computer contract for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the contract. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: Hill. Absent: none (contract attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell- requested the board appoint Kristine Vallier to the County Jury Board for another 6-year term. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve appointment to Jury Board. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Patrick, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none. (letter attached)

Commissioner Paul Krause- made a motion to reconsider the 1% raise for non-union employees and make it retro back to Jan. 1, 2022. Commissioner Patrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: none. (letter attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk- told the board he would like to start selling the old patrol cars now that the new ones have arrived. Sheriff would like to give one of the cars to the Animal Shelter for animal control purposes. He is going to put the cars on the federal gov sale site. Will need to discuss possible asking prices with Commissioner Krause so they can start selling them. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner to approve starting the process of selling the used patrol cars. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. Absent: none.

ARPA Chair Chris Brynes- informed the board that the ARPA Comm has reconvened their weekly meetings. He presented a project on behalf of the ARPA Comm. It's a 4-year contract with KoFile for the Clerks office vital records computer software. After some discussion and questions answered by Clerk Vowell; the board tabled this matter and would like more info on the software.

Emergency Services Manager Mike Kasper- Emergency Services Manager gave a covid update. And informed the board that he received a \$10,500 grant from the State for emergency services.

Christine Bawol- District Court Civil Clerk/Magistrate gave an update to on behalf of District Court. She informed the board that they are having a retirement party for Judy Scott St. Louis and Sheri Oja on March 25, 2022 at 1:00pm.

Old Business:

Dick Pershinske-Veterans Service Board spoke on the new VSO assistant job classification; she will be non-union at-will salary employee. Also, the VSO is looking for additional office space. Treasurer Goudreau also answered questions regarding this.

Dick Pershinske- also spoke on the recycling initiative. They put in a request for ARPA funds to help get the recycling initiative started. Commissioner Patrick had some questions.

Additional Board Member Business:

The board discussed the replacement of the boiler system in the Annex Bldg. and that it is an emergency to have this replaced. The costs should not exceed \$60,000. Commissioner McPhee informed the board that the new boiler had been ordered. There will be discussion on how to pay for this at a future meeting.

Commissioner Lehrke- told the board that there has been a tentative agreement made with the POLC Union contract.

Commissioner McPhee- gave an update about the airport tree project.

New Business:

The board announced that Mike Gillett will be the new Equalization Director and will be starting Monday April 11, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to formally approve the hiring of Mike Gillett. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none.

Committee Reports:

Bryce Tracy gave an update on the health insurance committee. The committee is in the process of getting 3-4 bids before the next budget process begins.

Public Comment:

AFSCME Union Rep Sue Cameron had questions regarding the 1% raise for some employees and why the VSO Redmond received a 5.9% raise. She told the board that the new VSO Assistant position should have been offered internally to a union member before offered to an outside applicant.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$16,012.54. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$687,652.50. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Hill to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Hill, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$375,390.35. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-5 for retiree payout in the amount of \$12,500. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-6 for covid expenses in the amount of \$33,300. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: none. (amendment attached)

Communications: Michilimackinac Historical Society letter, February Animal Shelter report, MSU Extension update, resolutions from Cheboygan and Grand Traverse Counties.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk