

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday March 13, 2025

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday March 13, 2025 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Roll Call: Austin Kimberling, John Kling, Daryl Schroeder, Judy St. Louis-Scott. Absent: Mike Patrick

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick (minutes attached)

Public Comment:

MSU Extension Rep Erin Daines – gave a brief update on MSU Extension latest activities in the county.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Tina Massey – currently working on Township settlements.

Old Business:

Lester Livermore, Animal Advisory Committee Chair – spoke on the recent meeting. The committees' by-laws were approved and they need final approval from the Board of Commissioners. There are lots of talented and committed people on this newly formed committee. And they are off to a great start. The committees' meetings will be the 1st Thurs of each month at 5:30pm in the Annex Boardroom. Commissioner St. Louis-Scott brought 2 additional letters of recommendation for the Animal Advisory Committee. There are also 2 members that were appointed that would like to resign. This was tabled until the Board receives the letters of resignation. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to table the appointment of 2 new members until the Board receives the 2 letters of resignation. VVMC

The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Veterans Committee requesting the county have a single audit to track the Veteran's millage monies previously back when it was in the County's general fund and to the current; now that it is a separate fund of their own. Since the meditation agreements between the Board and the Vet Committee were not kept; the Veterans Committee would like to see the financial reports just to have some clarification. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to authorize a single audit from 2018-present not to exceed \$5000. Commissioner Kling will contact auditors to get price quotes. Roll Call:

YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick.
(letter attached)

Discussion of moving the Animal Shelter Part-time position to a full-time position was had. The position was full time years ago. The Board felt this should be a discussion with the Animal Advisory Committee and the County Board. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to table this. VVMC

New Business:

LMAS Director Nick Derusha – presented the 2024 Annual LMAS report.

Request letter from Newton Township for funds was discussed briefly. The Board decided to table this request until we know the actual amount they are requesting for the new firehall. It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder second by Commissioner Kimberling to table this request until further info is received. VVMC (letter attached)

Letter of appointment to the Snowbelt Transit Commission was discussed. Not much info is known about this committee at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner Kimberling to table this until further info is received. VVMC (letter attached)

Application for SSM Tribe of Chippewa-Indians 2% monies was received by Top of the Lake Snowmobile-Museum in Naubinway. This is pass thru money that the applicant receives if approved. The money is sent to the County and in return the County cuts a check for the applicant. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the request. VVMC (request attached)

Commissioner Kling discussed the Veterans Committee Per Diem being paid out of the 276 special millage fund. It was discussed that no other County committees are paid out of a special fund but rather paid from the County general fund. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner Kimberling to move Veterans Committee Per Diem payments out of the 276 fund and into the general fund. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick

Committee Reports/Additional Board Member Business:

Letter from Commissioner St. Louis-Scott for Brownfield Authority appointment was discussed. Since this was voted on previously and did not pass; this would have to be brought in front of the Board for reconsideration by a member that voted no.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott - Opioid Committee has not had much attendance lately. And she met an Insurance Rep that has over 30 years' experience in the insurance industry and would like to meet with the Insurance Committee.

Commissioner Kling - policy meeting went well. And they are looking at software for the creation of policies.

Commissioner Kimberling - Sheriff contract was approved by the Officers. And also, Moran Township currently does their own land divisions. This was previously discussed.

Commissioner Schroeder – first Dam Committee meeting soon.

Clerk Vowell asked the members if they wanted to attend the Enbridge Tour scheduled for Tues. March 18.

Public Comment:

Dave Coven, Veteran Committee Member – happy that the Board approved the audit.

Bills/Budget Amendments:

The Board reviewed the regular bills of March 13 for approval in the amount of \$386,112.61. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner St. Louis- Scott to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick (bills attached)

The Board reviewed the additional bills of March 13 for approval in the amount of \$81,824. It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick (bills attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2025-04. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kimberling, Kling, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Patrick (amendment attached)

Communications:

Livingston County Resolution

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Kimberling second by Commissioner Kling to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk