

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 in the Circuit Courtroom 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick at 3:00 pm.

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

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

**Agenda Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Scott to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of 3/9/2023 as presented. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the minutes of 3/16/2023 as presented. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

Joe Nolan, Executive Director of Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency introduced himself and the staff of CLMCAA.

Dick Pershinske spoke briefly on the Recycling Initiative.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Chris Brynes, Mackinac Economic Alliance** - EGLE \$3,000,000 grant available for electrification of ferry boats and the engineering of this project.

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau** – currently working on tax foreclosures. Also asked the board for permission to authorize airport grant applications. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve Treasurer Goudreau to apply for airport grants on behalf of the county. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard** – the new computer program is going very well. And is in the process of receiving a \$12,000 grant.

**Sheriff Ed Wilk** – received \$5000 back from MMRMA to reimburse costs of body cams. They received 2 applicants at the recent job fair.

**New Business:**

**EGLE Recycling Specialist Tracy Purrenhage** presented a slide show and a brief overview on the recycling initiative. Ellen Benoit from EUP Regional Planning & Development also commented on recycling.

**Joe Nolan, Executive Director CLMCAA** presented the board with a resolution giving them permission to contract with MDOT on the county's behalf. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the resolution. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (resolution attached)

**The Road Commission** submitted a request to increase the road match funds. The board tabled this request until later this year when the budget planning for the 2024 FY begins. (request letter attached)

**11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge Brian Rahilly** informed the board that he would like to appoint the Circuit Court Admin and Scheduling Clerk duties to 2 current court employees. These 2 jobs are currently being held by Schoolcraft County employees that are reimbursed by Mackinac County and who recently announced they would be resigning on March 31, 2023. This plan would save the county approximately \$34,000 annually. This would also utilize the existing employee's knowledge and experience in the court system and he believes that they can efficiently perform these additional duties. Judge Rahilly is requesting that the 2 employees get additional wages to perform these additional duties.

There was discussion on the lack of notification and the 72-hour rule to notify the board. Judge Rahilly stated that it was an emergency and training needed to occur. Commissioner Litzner asked about the timeline and voiced his concern about the combination of Union and Non-union position.

Kelly Moran would be moved to \$49,257.40 which is pay grade 9 step 3. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kaiser to temporarily assign Kelly Moran to take on the duties of Scheduling and ADR Clerk. Heather Wilk would be moved \$45,219.20 pay grade 8 step 2. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser, seconded by Commissioner Clark to temporarily assign Heather Wilk to take on the duties of Court Administrator. There will be a 90-day probation period and Judge Rahilly will review their job performance at that time. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (attachments)

**Old Business:**

Animal Shelter Manager hiring of. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to hire Donna Desjardins as the new Animal Shelter Manager. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Litzner, St.Louis-Scott. NO: Kaiser, Patrick.

Donna Desjardins requested to move part time shelter employee Kendra Kacel to full time hours for the time being until they can post the full-time job opening. It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to allow the part time employee to move to full time hours. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

Committee of Whole meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 3:00pm to discuss the recycling initiative with EGLE. And add monthly voucher discussion to this agenda.

**Public Comment:**

Dick Pershinske commented on the recycling initiative again.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$16,124.60. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner 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 for approval in the amount of \$45,606.55. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark 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 part 1 for approval in the amount of \$37,273.29. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills part 2 for approval in the amount of \$2,724.26. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-07. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

**Communications:** February banking report.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk