

# MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lehrke at 4:35 pm.

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

Roll Call: Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke, Jim Hill (by phone, Commissioner Hill cannot vote due to him not being present)

**Agenda Approval:** amend agenda by removing approval of POLC Union Contracts. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to accept the agenda as amended. (Commissioner Hill Abstained)  
VVMC

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 3/10/2022. (Commissioner Hill abstained) VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of 3/8/2022. (Commissioner Hill abstained) VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of 3/4/2022. (Commissioner Hill abstained) VVMC

**Public Comment:**

None

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau-** informed the board that all the tax settlements have been paid.

**Equalization Director Pam Chipman-** scheduled the Equalization report presentation for the April 14, 2022 regular meeting.

**Clerk Hillary Vowell-** Presented the board with Sheri Ojas retirement resolution for approval. She has been employed with Mackinac County FOC Office for 29 years. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approval the retirement resolution. (Commissioner Hill abstained) VVMC. (resolution attached)

**Chief Deputy Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard-** Announced the retirement of Register of Deeds Debbie Holle after 48 years of service. She will retire April 29, 2022.

**ARPA Chair Chris Brynes-** discussed the proposal of a Marine Initiative Corridor for the Straits Area with the MEA. He informed the board that the Road Commissioner rescinded their request for ARPA funds and the MEA is working together with the Road Commission to research grants and funding from the State for their road project. Also, the HSC Recycling Initiative will be working with the MEA to create a business plan to move forward with this initiative.

**Sheriff Ed Wilk-** received Federal Forest grant of \$2,000. Also looking at moving the Bridge camera to Mackinac County side. Sheriff also informed the board that their Atty Bill Nordeen was the one that did not have the contracts ready. It was not POLC Union Rep Jerry Castor as stated earlier in meeting; for the reason to amend the agenda and remove the approval of POLC Union contracts.

#### **Old Business:**

Formal approval of the Amended Salary resolution for Non-Union, Non-Elected and Dept Heads that was approved at the meeting of March 10, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to sign the Amended Salary Resolution. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. Abstained: Hill. Absent: none. (resolution attached)

#### **Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner Patrick spoke briefly on the Dept Head meeting that was on March 18, 2022. He said is very a good work session and felt it was well attended.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Judy St.Louis-Scott- 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court Magistrate** wanted to thank the county for 31 years of service and she loved working here over the years. She told the board not to forget about the recent cost of living increases on every day essentials and the negative effects it has on the employees. Their hard work and dedication in these trying times should not go unnoticed.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:** The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$100,839.20. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Abstained: Hill. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$2,144,406.44. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. Abstained: Hill. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$643.01. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Abstained: Hill. Absent: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-7 for additional computer expenses in the amount of \$29,100. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Abstained: Hill. Absent: none. (amendment attached)

**Communications:** Resolution from Iron County.

**Adjournment:** Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk