

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday March 27, 2025

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday March 27, 2025 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

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

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the minutes of March 13, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling (minutes attached)

Public Comment:
None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Emergency Management Mike Kasper – spoke on the bad weather coming for the weekend. Ice accumulation will likely cause widespread power outages. Plan travel accordingly and stay safe.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – there is plumbing issues in the jail and they found a broken pipe. Now that is causing other issues. And they are hoping the pipe is in the parking lot and easier to repair. That would be the best-case scenario.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – sales are up this year so far and passport applications are increasing as well.

Veterans Service Director Mike Redmond – passed out a handout about the Veterans Outreach event for April 17.

Equalization Director Dulcee Ranta – working on a form for the land divisions so they will all be uniform. Assessment rolls are trickling in from the local units.

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – gave an update regarding the Health Insurance Committee and plans to meet with a new company representative to get insurance quotes.

Under Sheriff Ron Umbarger – discussed School Resource Officers and funding available. Les Cheneaux Schools has secured funding for a full-time officer. A

meeting will be scheduled with the Commissioner Liaisons to discuss this further.

MSU Extension Educator Tracie Abram – have 3 new volunteers in St. Ignace for arts and culinary classes. And asked the board for permission to put in raised garden beds by the MSU Extension Office. She presented a map of the layout of the garden beds. The board gave her a verbal go ahead for the raised garden beds.

Chair Mike Patrick – presented a letter of support for a bike path in Clark Twp. It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the letter of support. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling. (letter attached)

Clerk Hillary Vowell – discussed the need for cleaning in the Courthouse. She requested to get bids. The board told her to advertise for cleaning.

Old Business:

The board received a resignation letter from the Animal Advisory Committee. They agreed it doesn't need to be voted on and they accepted the resignation.

New Business:

A letter of interest for the Brownfield Authority from Bridgett Sorenson was received. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Schroeder to appoint Bridgett Sorenson to the Brownfield Authority. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling. (letter attached)

A letter of interest for the Planning Commission was received from Matt Dost. It was moved by Commissioner Kling second by St. Louis-Scott to appoint Matt Dost to the Planning Commission. YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling. (letter attached)

A bid for landscaping for the Courthouse Grounds from Molly's Nest was reviewed. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Kling second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the bid in the amount of \$1500. YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling. (bid attached)

The board reviewed 2 bids for the Airport tank monitoring system that needs to be replaced. First one from Mercer Trust Performance in the amount of \$18,980 and second from Northern Pump Service in the amount of \$ 20,813.17. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the bid from Mercer Trust Performance in the amount of \$18,980. YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling. (bid attached)

Committee Reports/Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Schroeder gave a brief update on the Big Manistique Lake Dam Committee.

Commissioner Kling attended a Planning Commission meeting. They are looking at re-doing the Capitol Improvement Plan.

Commissioner St. Louis-Scott said the Mayor Margaret Doud from Mackinac Island would like to request an increase in funding for the seasonal officer. Chair Patrick said this request would have to be made at budget time in the fall.

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled on April 10 at 3pm to discuss the Road Commission, Brownfield Authority and Animal Shelter.

Public Comment:

Animal Shelter Manager Donna DesJardins is going in for surgery May 20. And needs to have someone fill in. She thinks the open part-time position should be moved to full-time. A full-time position would give people more incentive to apply and the employee would potentially stay around longer. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kling to move the part time animal shelter position to full-time. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling.

Bills/Budget Amendments:

The Board reviewed the regular bills of March 27 for approval in the amount of \$80,997.73. It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder second by Commissioner Kling to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Schroeder, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling (bills attached)

The Board reviewed the additional bills of March 27 for approval in the amount of \$40,232.87. It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling (bills attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2025-05. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling (amendment attached)

The Board reviewed budget amendment #2025-06. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Kling to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Kling, Patrick, Schroeder, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Kimberling (amendment attached)

Communications:

Current Rev/Expend report, EUPISD proposed budget, February Animal Shelter report and banking report.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 5:33pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk