

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, March 8, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

Roll Call: Jim Hill, Paul Krause, Dan Litzner, Bucky McPhee, Diane Patrick.
Absent: None.

Chair Patrick took a few moments to acknowledge the passing of Emily Reid and said a few words to honor her and offer condolences. Chair Patrick spoke of her enthusiasm and gratitude for her employment with Mackinac County. Director Chipman stated that she was a real asset to the Equalization Department and would be missed.

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Hill with support by Commissioner Krause to accept the amended agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amended minutes of March 8, 2018. VVMC

Public Comment: None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the Engadine Schools has agreed to provide a substation for the west end deputies at no cost to the county.

Sheriff Strait discussed the need to replace fluorescent bulbs at the Sheriff's warehouse. To replace bulbs that are burnt out, the cost would be around \$500. To upgrade the fixtures to high efficient LED's, the cost would be around \$1,500 with a rebate from Cloverland Electric of \$100 to \$150. Sheriff Strait will obtain a formal proposal for the board to review.

Sheriff Strait discussed the need for a new copier. The cost for a new copier would run around \$4,300. Sheriff Strait will present a quote for the board to review.

Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that Kimberlee Thompson's tax foreclosure appeal was denied and township settlements are being processed.

Equalization Director Chipman distributed the 2018 Board of Review Schedule and informed the board that the Board of Review process has started at the local units. The board agreed to set Equalization for April 12th. (Schedule attached)

Old Business:

St. Ignace Little Bear Park – The board discussed the \$10,000 appropriation for the St. Ignace Little Bear Park. After a brief discussion the board tabled the discussion until they receive a report from the City of St. Ignace for the scheduled plans for the park .

New Business:

LMAS Annual Report – Nick Derusha, Health Officer for the LMAS District Health Department was present to review the 2017 LMAS Agency Annual Report with the board. (Report attached)

Job Description Classifications – Commissioner Litzner distributed a list of companies that replied to our request to review employee job descriptions and pay scales. The board tabled the discussion until after the MAC conference so they can check other vendor options. (Company list attached)

Planning Commission Appointment – The board reviewed a letter from Dean Reid requesting appointment of Edwina Taylor to the Planning Commission. After a review of Ms. Taylors resume, it was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to appoint Edwina Taylor to the Planning Commission. VVMC (Letter/Resume attached)

Courthouse Security/Updates – Sheriff Strait infomed the board that the alarm system needs to be upgraded. The cost for the project would cost approximately \$200,000 with an added cost of \$26,450 for Oak City to manage the project. The sheriff also discussed the need for a single entry point for the public to enter the courthouse. The Sheriff suggested a single entry for the public in the basement with a metal detector for screening. After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to allow Oak City to move forward with obtaining proposals for security upgrades. VVMC

Courtroom Security – Commissioner McPhee discussed the capital improvement plan to replace the circuit courtroom seating, replace the carpet, run electrical wiring in the floor and create a isolated space for inmates attending court. Commissioner McPhee will request a proposal from Oak City to perform these updates for the boards review.

2% Sault Tribe Funding Request – Commissioner Hill presented the board with a 2% Sault Tribe funding request for Top of the Lakes Snowmobile

Museum in the amount of \$2,000 for a Soo I-500 Snowmobile Race display. Top of the Lakes Museum is looking for two sources for funding for the display; \$2,000 from the Sault Tribe 2% monies and a \$5,000 Graymont Community and Economic Development grant of \$5,000. Commissioner Hill presented the board with a letter in support of Top of the Lakes request to Graymont for funding. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to send a letter in support the Top of the Lakes Snowmobile grant request to Graymont. VVMC It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the 2% Sault Tribe funding request. VVMC (Request/Letter attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Hill discussed the hiring of a second Public Defender and the Indigent Defense plan. The amount spent on outside counsel for 2017 was \$45,500, which is less than a second Public Defender would cost the county.

Commissioner Hill informed the board that Ken Ratzlaff called to inform the board that he has sold the old hospital facility to Hope Network and there is currently a 40 ft. easement that was between Mackinac County and Mackinac Straits that is not recorded. Treasurer Goudreau will look into the easement and report back to the board.

Public Comment – Sheriff Deputy Joe Bommaritto offered his assistance into looking into companies to review the job classifications.

Sheriff Strait requested that 911 Director Bryce Tracey comp time be tracked thru payroll. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to allow payroll to track comp time for Bryce Tracey. VVMC

Communications:

The board reviewed the Upward Talent Council request for office space and the February Animal Shelter report.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$17,026.13 and the manual bills in the amount of \$50,615.25. After a brief discussion, the board removed payment to Raddison Hotel and MI Association of Counties. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills as amended. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Bills attached)

Adjournment – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk