

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, March 9, 2023

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 in the Boardroom Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of 3/2/2023 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment:

Max Heil, Clark Township Recreation Director – presented the board with a request for additional funds for the Snows Heritage Park restroom project. The previous Board of Commissioners donated \$25,000 of ARPA funds for this project in 2022. Commissioner Patrick informed Max that they are not taking any requests for ARPA funds until after September 30, 2023. Clerk Vowell will hold onto this request until October. (request attached)

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Deputy Treasurer Becky Paul – presented Survey & Remont contracts. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the contracts. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (contracts attached)

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – the new deeds program is completely installed and going good so far.

Animal Shelter Manager Tina Newsome – reviewed the annual Animal Shelter report.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – tax settlements starting and still waiting to hear from Bois Blanc Township on a price for the sale of property.

Commissioner Kaiser – discussed the Animal Shelter Manager interviews. It was decided to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 16, 2023 at 3:00pm to choose the new Animal Shelter Manager.

New Business:

The Board informed Prosecutor Stuart Spencer that they received an opinion from County Attorney Bonnie Toskey regarding his request for retirement credit. The request was denied based on the legal opinion. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to deny his request. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

Commissioner Kaiser discussed having salaried employees doing a time card/log book. This topic will be discussed further at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled on March 16, 2023.

Old Business:

Michilimackinac Historical Society Treasurer Jim Drazé gave an update on the progress of the fundraising and construction of the museum. (letter attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Patrick informed the board he received a request for a letter of support for the Great Lakes Boat Building School to request federal funding. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (letter attached)

Clerk Vowell presented to the board letter from the AFSCME Union agreeing to the part-time union employees bonus. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve this agreement. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (agreement attached)

The regular meeting of April 13, 2023 is moved to April 11, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Public Comment:

Ginger Valentine spoke on Donna Desjardins behalf and recommended her for the Animal Shelter Manager position.

Glenna Raleigh also recommended Donna Desjardins for the Animal Shelter Manager position.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$23,778.86. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark 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 \$450,325.37. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser 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 for approval in the amount of \$24,317.96. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner

Litzner to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

Communications: Animal Shelter February report, January Banking report, Marquette Co resolution, UPSET letter, MSP Cyber News.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the meeting at 5:32pm. VVMC

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk