

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, May 10, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 10, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the amended minutes of April 26, 2018.
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Public Comment: None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Sheriff Strait requested a budget amendment for Emergency Services in the amount of \$9,960.00 to obtain replacement batteries for emergency radios. The Region 8 Grant will reimburse the county after the expenditure is made. (Letter attached)

Sheriff Strait discussed the yearly animal control report. (Report attached)

Shelter Administrator Newsome informed the board that an individual has provided her services at the shelter with painting and minor repairs and Enterprise Vending has redone the shelter sign. The shelter has also been receiving donations for the shelter due to the Amazon Wish List posting.

Equalization Director Chipman discussed the hiring of Thomas Girdwood as Equalization Clerk. Director Chipman discussed the CAMA Class, property pricing changes and assessing reform. (Assessing Reform Proposal Summary attached) Director Chipman informed the board that she will be advertising for a photo competition for the plat book cover.

Old Business:

Veterans Affairs Board Chair-Harness – Introduction of Veterans Services Officer – Veterans Affairs Board Chair Harness introduced Thomas Cronan the

newly hired Mackinac County Veterans Services Officer and informed the board that their next meeting will be June 6, 2018.

Oak City Contract – The board discussed the bid information from Oak City Contracting. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner McPhee to authorize Oak City to begin the bid process for upgrades in the amount of \$10,000 for the security system, jail cell intercom, fire alarm for the Courthouse, panic alarms, and three courtroom security cameras. (Bid information attached) Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none.

New Business:

Indigent Defense Contract/Tschirhart – The board discussed the Indigent Defense Contract with George Tschirhart. After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the Indigent Defense Contract. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Contract attached)

Indigent Defense Plan – The board reviewed suggested changes from the Indigent Defense Representative to the application for the Indigent Defense Plan and discussed the Resolutions from various counties opposing the amended legislation to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 regarding the Michigan Indigent Defense Plan. The board agreed to make the suggested changes to the Indigent Defense Plan and prepare a Resolution opposing the amended legislation.

MEA Contract/MEA Report – Alex Iseri discussed Mackinac Economic Alliance's three projects with the board; housing, broadband development, and work force development. The board reviewed the Agreement with Mackinac Economic Alliance. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Krause to approve the Mackinac Economic Alliance agreement with an addition to #3 to include completing a quarterly financial report for the months of March, June, September and December.
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Hiring Policy – The board discussed the hiring policy and emails from the county attorney regarding residency requirements for employment. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to review the policy and make any necessary changes. Chair Patrick distributed information from the attorney regarding purchasing policies. (Attorney printouts attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Krause discussed the Upward Talent Council and the unemployment rates in Mackinac County.

Commissioner McPhee discussed the Veteran Museum and Commerce Center at the Escanaba U.P. Fairgrounds.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Litzner informed the board that the new Community Action Director will be meeting at the Community Center next Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 11:00 – 1:00.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$34,993.64 and the manual bills in the amount of \$130,274.59. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Bills attached)

Additional Bills – The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$1,108.42. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Additional bills attached)

Budget Amendments – The board reviewed the budget amendments for Department 334. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendment attached)
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The board reviewed the budget amendment for department 431. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendment attached)

The board reviewed the budget amendment for department 426. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendment attached)

Communications:

The board reviewed the St. Ignace Trolley Co. information, HUD Letter, Veterans Affairs Trust Fund Letter, Resolutions from Antrim, Charlevoix, Alger, Roscommon, Menominee, UPEDA Meeting Notice, MAC Dark Stores Litigation Letter, MEA 1st Qtr. Report, Judge Graham Memo, Animal Shelter April Report.

Adjournment – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk