

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, May 12, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

Roll Call: Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke. Absent: Jim Hill

Agenda Approval: amended agenda adding contract for temporary Equalization Director and Museum of Ojibwa Culture pavilion project under new business. Commissioner Krause proposed taking the request for pay-out of accrued time to the Clerk and Register of Deeds off the agenda; he stated this was part of the union contract and it could not be changed now. Treasurer Goudreau informed Commissioner Krause that this was not part of the contract. After some discussion it was agreed upon to leave it on the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: Krause. Absent: Hill.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of 5/12/2022. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Public Comment:

Cindy Post-Byron Home care services specialist gave an update about the recent state auto reform and the cuts that were made to home health care budgets.

Dick Pershinske-Veterans Service Board spoke on finding a solution for more office space for the Veterans Service Office. And briefly spoke on the recycling initiative.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

E911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy – informed the board that the 911 report was submitted and accepted to the State. And confirmation of the local 911 surcharge proposal that passed last August was accepted and the surcharge collection will begin July 1, 2022.

Emergency Services Manager Mike Kasper - gave a covid update. Also discussed the Straits Shield Exercise and the Great Lakes Homeland Security conference he attended. Emergency Services Management office is requesting to acquire one of the Ford Explorers that the Sheriffs Office is selling. Discussion was had; Commissioner Krause said the Explorers are worth more than \$10,000 and should be sold. Sheriff Wilk had some comments and

answered questions. Commissioner Krause asked if Mike Kasper could use a patrol car when he needed to travel. Sheriff Wilk informed him that this was not possible and not legal. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick to approve giving Emergency Services the explorer, no support for this motion. Matter is tabled for further discussion.

Chris Brynes - MEA discussed engineering projects that the additional ARPA funds could possibly be used for. Commissioner Patrick had some questions.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – presented a tether activity report. Also, the drug take back collection in Cedarville was very successful. Looking into doing more of the drug take backs in other communities as well. And the jail was awarded a \$50,000 grant for reimbursement for covid testing for the last 2 years.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – had a brief update of tax foreclosure info. She also informed the board that she applied for the second round of ARPA funds.

New Business:

Discussion of accrued time pay-out for Clerk Hillary Vowell and Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard. Commissioner Krause said this would be in violation of the union contract. Treasurer Goudreau voiced her opinions. Commissioner Krause's commented that the union contract does not apply to the elected officials. Sheriff Ed Wilk also had similar comments about the elected officials not being in the contract. This was tabled for further discussion, no action taken.

Additional Board Member Business:

A retirement resolution was presented for Noel Weaver. The board members signed the resolution.

Commissioner Krause – discussed the 1-month contract for Pam Chipman to fill in as Equalization Director during Mike Gilletts medical leave. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second my Commissioner McPhee to approve this contract for temporary services. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Lehrke, Patrick, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Commissioner Krause – brought to the board an ARPA fund request for Museum of Ojibwa Culture pavilion project. Some discussion was had. The board would like to give \$25,000 towards this pavilion project. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$25,000. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill.

Commissioner Patrick - gave a brief overview of the MAC conference he attended.

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske – discussed the recycling initiative.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$37,887.12. It was moved by Commissioner

Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$192,497.08. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$1,387. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Hill. (bills attached)

Communications: April banking report

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk