

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 25, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St. St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions - It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda. VVMC.

Approval of Minutes –It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017. VVMC.

Public Comment – Mr. and Mrs. Willard Garlock informed the board of an ongoing problem they are having with a neighbors cats. The cats are not being taken care of so Mr. Garlock has been trapping them and the Animal Control Officer has been taking them to the shelter. Sheriff Strait commented that it falls under the City of St. Ignace ordinance. Commissioner Krause stated that Chief Wilk intends to discuss the problem with the owner.

Business:

- **Air Conditioner/Server Room** – Treasurer Goudreau discussed the computer server room and the need for an air conditioner as the room is too hot for the equipment. The board discussed different options and decided to have the issue addressed by the Courthouse and Grounds Committee.

- **Mental Health Discussion** – John Shoberg was present to inform the board of Budget Boilerplate 298 which calls for the profitization of the State's public mental health system. The proposed bill would transfer responsibilities currently held by the public mental health system to for-profit Medicaid Health Plans which could result in a cut to Behavioral Health Services. Mr. Shoberg presented the board with a report, Hiawatha Behavioral Health Celebrating Twenty Years as an Agency, which lists the achievements of the Agency. Mr. Shoberg encouraged the board to adopt Resolutions to try to save the local system of control.

- **Resolution to Protect the MI Choice Program** – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the Resolution to Protect the MI Choice Program. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached).

- Resolution to Preserve the Public Mental Health System – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Resolution to Preserve the Public Mental Health System. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Resolution attached).

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

-911 Coordinator, Bryce Tracy – Coordinator Tracy informed the board about State of Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 which would amend the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act which could affect 911 funding. Coordinator Tracy will prepare more information for the next board meeting.

-Planning Commission Appointments – The board received a request from Dean Reid requesting the appointments of Jerry Garries and Stevan J. Christiansen to the Planning Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Patrick to appoint Jerry Garries and Stevan J. Christiansen to the Planning Commission. VVMC (letter attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

-Hiawatha Behavioral Health – Commissioner McPhee stated that in the 10 years he has been on the board there have been no negative comments regarding Hiawatha Behavioral Health and that they do a lot of good. Commissioner Patrick stated that they were top notch and very dedicated people.

Committee Reports – Commissioners Litzner, Hill, and McPhee attended the UPACC Conference and gave a brief report on the topics discussed which included MERS, cyber security, health plans for county employees, energy task force, and veteran services.

Public Comment – None

Approval of the Bills/Budget Amendments – The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$29,451.64 and the manual bills in the amount of \$264,982.29. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Bills attached)

Michigan Works Bill – The Michigan Works Bill was reviewed by the board and it was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the payment of \$203.88 to Chippewa County re: Michigan Works Attorney General Opinion Billings. (Bill attached)

Additional Bills - The board reviewed the Additional Bills List in the amount of \$8,979.14. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the Additional Bills. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Additional bills list attached)

Budget Amendments - The board reviewed the Request for Budget Amendment for the

911 Coordinator (259). It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Amendment attached)

The board reviewed the Request for Budget Amendments for Equalization and the Request for Budget Amendments for expense/revenue accounts. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, McPhee, Krause, Litzner; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Amendments attached).

Adjournment - Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk