

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday May 25, 2023**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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 Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 5/11/2023 as amended. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of 5/16/2023 as amended. VVMC

**Public Comment:**

**Veterans Committee Chair Dick Pershinske** – commented about the motion to reconsider the VSO raise not being added to agenda. The board would like to wait for the wage study to be completed before moving on this any further.

**MSU Extension Erin Daines** – gave an update on some events happening in the county. And some new MSU programs in the future.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**District Court Magistrate Christine Bawol** - on behalf of Treasurer Goudreau requested the 516 funds pay for the H.O.M.E. fundraiser venue in the amount of \$755.25. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request attached)

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau** - also sent a request for permission to post an ad in the paper for the sale of the Bois Blanc Island property. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to have Treasurer Goudreau post the sale of property ad. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (request attached)

**Sheriff Ed Wilk** – informed the board about the budget amendment request for the DNR grant. Tether Officer Tom Doty will be retiring in 2 weeks. He also told the board that the duct cleaning needs to be done soon, and that the jail

boiler is 50 years old and this is a must. It makes sense to wait until a new boiler is installed but in the meantime the inmates and staff have poor and unsafe air quality.

**Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard** – received a \$12,000 automation fund grant. Also informed the board of the month of April activities in the ROD office.

**Mackinac Economic Alliance Chris Brynes** – had an update on some MEA projects that are moving forward.

**New Business:**

**Veterans Board member Paul Wandrie** – requested that 2 parking spaces to be reserved for Veteran Parking. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Veterans Parking signs and placement in coordination with Sheriff Wilk. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Road Commission Dirk Heckman** - thanked the board for their support of road match program increase to 20/20/02. This was discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting on May 16. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the increase for 2023 to be paid from the additional ARPA funds that were designated to townships and revisit it in 2024 to see if there is a possibility of making this increase permanent. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Old Business:**

**Bid for duct cleaning** – discussion was had on contacting companies out of northern Michigan. This item was postponed and the Clerk will look for more bids possibly from lower Michigan companies. And to get a timeline from Clark Construction Company on assessment for new boilers.

**Board Rules regarding meeting time change** – discussion was had on the possibility of changing meeting times for the summer months. It was decided to keep the meeting times to 4:30.

**Bills policy** – discussion was had on the bills policy. The manual bills cover utility bills, payroll, credit card bills, special funds, Sheriff's Office petty cash, and Welldyne RX. Any bills that require a contract should not be paid until a contract is in place. It was also mentioned that the mileage reimbursement checks for employees should possibly not be on the manual bills. Bryce Tracy and Sheriff Ed Wilk had some comments on this matter as well.

**Straits Area EMS Authority** – after receiving a written opinion from the county's attorney on giving a loan to the EMS Authority; it was decided the county does not want to create a building authority. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to remove the language

from the deed stating “that the county gets it upon default.” Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Litzner to add the wording to the Straits Area EMS Authority deed “If defaulted the county gets the first right of refusal for the purchase of the property.” Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner St.Louis-Scott – discussed some building maintenance concerns and looking into having these fixed. She also brought up the capabilities of allowing the public to attend board meetings via zoom. Bryce Tracy explained how to get this set up. And Sheriff Wilk told the board they would need a moderator while the meeting is in session to control the zoom screen and microphone. Commissioner St.Louis-Scott also brought up the need for housing in the county. She spoke on the shortage and possibly setting up a committee to work on this issue.

**Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Clark reported on the Manistique Lake Dam Committee.  
Commissioner Kaiser reported on MI Works Committee.  
Commissioner Patrick reported on UPCAP and rural development.  
Commissioner Litzner reported on Escanaba Fair Board.  
Commissioner St.Louis-Scott spoke on ideas for H.O.M.E. fundraisers.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$44,447.49. 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 \$31,631.03. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott 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 \$15,615.28. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-11. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-12. It was moved by Commissioner Kaiser second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-13. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner St.Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2023-14. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Kaiser to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, Patrick, St.Louis-Scott. NO: none. (amendment attached)

**Communications:**

None

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Litzner to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm. VVMC

Jennifer Luetzow, Chief Deputy Clerk