

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday May 9, 2024

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday May 9, 2024 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval: It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of April 9 as presented. VVMC.
Absent: Litzner

It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the minutes of April 25 as presented. VVMC. Absent: Litzner

Public Comment:

Tanner North, Animal Shelter Worker – discussed the outcome of the wage study and how he feels the results were not fair to some of the lower paid employees.

Dick Pershinske – Veteran flags are they being paid by the County or the Townships. Treasurer Goudreau said we set aside money for burials and Veteran’s marker flags. Some townships do not have the resources to pay for the flags and might bill the county for the costs.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Becky Paul, Deputy Treasurer – requested the board approve the Peer Review Contracts. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the Peer Review Contracts as presented. VVMC. Absent: Litzner.

Sheriff Ed Wilk – the County just received the marine grant. Commissioner St. Louis-Scott had some questions for the Sheriff regarding Animal Control.

Equalization Director Mike Gillett – currently working on Veteran’s property values and the L4029 for millage rates. He said he will be writing letters soon to the local units to have them take back the land divisions applications and processing. Commissioner Kaiser had some questions. Commissioners agreed to have him send letters to the local units to get their thoughts on this and report back to the Board. He will also have request for the next meeting to hire a temporary Clerk position.

Veterans Committee Chair Dick Pershinske – requesting approval to move the Veterans Office into the EMS building that was recently vacated by the Straits Area EMS Authority. He discussed some of the resolutions that clearly stated the responsibilities of the County Board and the Veterans Committee during the meditation.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – informed the board that the bathroom flooring in the Circuit Court bathrooms need to be tiled. They are in very poor condition. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott and second by Commissioner Clark to have Clerk Vowell requests bids for floor tile. VVMC. Absent: Litzner.

New Business:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – presented a contract for book keeping services with Anderson Tackman. This isn't a new contract but just to continue using their services. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve this contract extension. VVMC. Absent: Litzner. (contract attached)

Probate Judge W. Clayton Graham – requesting moving his Juvenile Diversion Officer to the Veterans Office once they have relocated to the EMS building. This office is currently located in the basement and it is not a suitable location for an office. He is concerned about safety issues and the air quality is inadequate.

Friend of the Court Josh Freed – requesting overtime for April Blair due to being short staffed. He is requesting 15 hour per pay period up to 3 months. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the overtime request. VVMC. Absent: Litzner. (request attached)

Old Business:

Commissioner Clark requested to have the 3 final members of the Manistique Lakes Dam Authority. The 3 new members are: Ross Abram, Kevin Orlovsky and Becky Brockman. It was moved by Commissioners St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick. VVMC. Absent: Litzner.

Date of implementing the Wage Study is set for June 3. This is the beginning of a new payroll. The Vice Chair will sign the letter of agreements from the POLC and AFSCME Unions. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to implement the Wage Study on June 3. VVMC. Absent: Litzner.

It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to give authorization to the Vice Chair to sign the wage study Letter of Agreements from the POLC and AFSCME Unions. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (agreements attached)

Veterans Millage approval of the wording for the August Ballot. Veterans Chair Dick Pershinske said the title of the proposal needs to be changed. The title should read "Proposal to Renew & Restore County Veteran Millage" It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the wording and title change. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (millage wording attached)

Discussion of moving Veterans Office into the EMS building. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Clark to approve the move. VVMC. Absent: Litzner.

Additional Board Member Business:

The housing project Phase 1 environmental site survey is complete and moving onto the next step. A meeting has been set to meet with the City for zoning and planning.

Judicial Council have a meeting scheduled next week. Commissioner Patrick and St. Louis-Scott are on this committee.

Discussion was had on taking \$3000 out of the ARPA funds to cover Veteran flag holders before Memorial Day. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to have the Veterans Millage cover these expenses and the ARPA fund will reimburse. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Patrick attended the MAC spring conference. Has some info to disburse to the other members about the Opioid Committee and trial courts.

Commissioner Kaiser discussed the Notice of Intent with EGLE for the Inter Local Agreement of Material Management Planning Recycling.

Public Comment:

Becky Paul – had some questions regarding the wage study and the unions approving the letter of agreement.

Erin Daines, MSU Extension – new school programs starting July 1. MSU received \$75,000 grant for 4-H programs.

Stephanie Fortino, St. Ignace News – asked if the housing project members are meeting with the City Planning Commission or City Council.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the regular bills of May 9 for approval in the amount of \$34,910.98. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the regular bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of May 2 for approval in the amount of \$30,781.15. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills of May 9 for approval in the amount of \$282,409.06. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (bills attached)

The board reviewed the Circuit Court Jury payments for the Trial held on April 29 for approval in the amount of \$5377.63. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the jury payments. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.15. It was moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.16. It was moved by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott second by Commissioner Clark to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2024.17. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner St. Louis-Scott to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Clark, Kaiser, Patrick, St. Louis-Scott. NO: none. Absent: Litzner (amendment attached)

Communications:

MSU Extension Newsletter.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned to the call of the Vice Chair at 5:35pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk