

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 9, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St. St. Ignace, MI.

Roll Call: Paul Krause, Dan Litzner, Jim Hill, Diane Patrick, Bucky McPhee

Absent: None

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

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 with the correction on the date of minutes to be approved. VVMC

Approval of Minutes - It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve minutes of January 26, 2017 with a correction to Sherry Dewitt public comment. VVMC.

Public Comment - None

Business:

– **Luce County Veterans Services** Director, Rick Minard and veteran advocates were present to discuss veteran services. Luce County veteran services assisted 20-25 Mackinac County veterans throughout the year. Luce County funds their veteran services from Luce County taxpayers millage for veterans and is requesting a contract be formulated to provide services to veterans who reside in Mackinac. Mackinac County's share, based on a percentage, would be around eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). (letter attached)

Charles Wilson, the veteran representative from West Mackinac informed the board that the problem is the distance many veterans have to travel and that many veteran offices are only open once a week.

Mike Bachand, veteran representative for the Upper Peninsula discussed a County Incentive grant application which Mackinac County could apply for up to \$15,000.00 to help fund veteran services. Mr. Bachand also discussed that veteran directors should maintain accreditation and certification to perform their duties in order to better assist veterans.

Commissioner Patrick thanked the servicemen for their service and stated it was an appropriate discussion as this situation was just brought to her attention by an employee of the Chippewa County Veterans Affairs office. Commissioner Patrick stated that a more comprehensive plan should be looked at to see what options are available that would benefit veterans from all areas of the county.

Commissioner McPhee stated that the county should also look into the grant programs that are available to help with funding.

Dean Reid from the Planning Commission stated that they would be looking into meeting with the veteran officers to see how they can assist.

-Economic Manual - After a brief discussion the board tabled the Economic Manual to give Commissioners more time to review.

-HOME Appointment – The board discussed the letter from Lori S. Pieri, from HOME of Mackinac County requesting the appointment of a second Commissioner, Dan Litner to the HOME Board. On motion of Commissioner Krause with support from Commissioner Patrick, Dan Litzner was appointed to the HOME board. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (letter attached).

-District Court Printer – A letter and quote for a printer in the amount of \$1,296.00 from Jeanine Blakely of 92nd District Court was reviewed by the board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support from Commissioner Krause to approve the purchase of the printer. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (letter and quote attached).

Elected Officials and Staff Reports:

-Clerk Lori Johnston reported to the board that MMRMA insurance does not cover the cost regarding the unfunded liability with Michigan Works. Commissioner Patrick requested the Clerk to check on possible coverage in case of legal issues.

Clerk Johnston introduced Chief Deputy Kerry Fitzpatrick to the board and requested that the board increase her pay to Step 3 of the union contract due to her 30 years of experience. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support from Commissioner Patrick that the Chief Deputy's pay be increased to Step 1 of the union contract. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None

-Sheriff Scott Strait presented the commissioners with bids for the Sheriffs' cars. Commissioner Krause excused himself from the meeting during the opening of the bids. The bids were opened and reviewed by the board. Sheriff Strait and Sergeant Groty will further review the bids and put together the best package to present back to the board. Commissioner Krause resumed the meeting.

Commissioner Krause complimented Sheriff Strait on his 2016 Annual Report. Sheriff Strait indicated that due to full capacity of road patrol officers, the trend is up for traffic stops and citations.

-Commissioner McPhee presented a bid to replace the door in the janitors room. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support from Commissioner McPhee to approve the purchase of the door. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (bid attached).

Communications:

-Bay County Board of Commissioners Resolution for Revision to Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

-USDA Comprehensive Trail Plan Meeting Notice

-Moran Township Recreation Plan

Approval of the Bills/Budget Amendments - The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$41,320.30 and the manual bills in the amount of \$119,634.14. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support from Commissioner Litzner to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (bills attached).

Additional bills in the amount of \$507.15 were reviewed by the board. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support from Commissioner Krause to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (bills attached).

The board reviewed 2016 budget amendments presented from Sheriff Strait. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support from Commissioner McPhee that the 2016 budget amendments be approved. Roll Call: YES: Krause, Litzner, Hill, Patrick, McPhee; NO: None; ABSENT: None.

(amendment attached).

Adjournment - Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk