

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday Novmeber 17, 2022**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lehrke at 11:00 am.

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

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

**Business:**

**Budget Work Session** – the board reviewed the proposed budgets for the following departments: Probate Court, Emergency 911 Office, and MIDC.

This meeting concluded the proposed budget reviews sessions. Budget will be on public display for 30 days and formal adoption will be at the Board of Commisioners meeting on December 20, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk

**MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022 in the Courthouse 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, Jim Hill, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke. Absent: Mike Patrick

**Agenda Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the agenda as amended. YES: Lehrke, Krause, Hill, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Patrick

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of 10/27/2022 as presented.  
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It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of the Special meeting on 11/01/2022 as presented.  
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It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the minutes of the Budget meeting on 11/02/2022 as presented.  
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**Public Comment:**

District Court Reporter Kelly Moran thanked the board for their hard work. She also asked the board to consider covering the full cost of the insurance rates for 2023; as any extra costs to the employees would create financial hardship.

Probate Judge W. Clayton Graham also asked the board to consider covering the full costs for his employees.

Sheriff Road Deputy Isaac Harrigan commented on the health care costs and how it would affect the local economy as well with employees having less to spend to support local businesses.

**Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau** – informed the board that an active shooter training is scheduled for December 2, 2022.

**Treasurer Goudreau** also requested that the board approve a Community Action Agency subordination agreement for a mortgage refinance and to remain

second on the lien. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to authorize Chair Lehrke to sign this agreement. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Patrick  
Treasurer Goudreau also reminded the board that the tax foreclosure lawsuit is coming to a settlement. The attorney for this lawsuit will be presenting the settlement agreement at the regular meeting on December 20, 2022. This settlement would free the county of any past litigations with foreclosures.

**Treasurer Goudreau** asked the board how we were going to pay for the new boiler in the annex. At the time it was replaced; the board agreed that at a later date they would decide where the money would come from. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve ARPA funds to pay for the annex boiler costs. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Hill. NO: none. Absent: Patrick.

**Treasurer Goudreau** presented the board with the health insurance renewal by the recommendation of the Health Care Committee. She informed the board that the renewal needed to be done by December 1<sup>st</sup> to assure employee coverage would not lapse. She answered questions and discussion was had on the 80/20 option and the hard caps. Treasurer Goudreau informed the board we are not in deficit and our fund balance has been the same for the last 10 years. The county is not spending more than we are taking in and in good financial shape. Commissioner McPhee said \$11,000 increase is not a bad deal for 2023. And making the employees pay would cause a financial hardship. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to approve the health insurance renewal as presented. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (handout attached)

PA-152 exemption resolution was also presented for 2023 health care coverage. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (resolution attached)

**Sheriff Ed Wilk** – received the ORV reimbursement monies from the DNR. He is still working on getting an electric speed trailer sign and looking into grants for the cost of this. And informed the board that some of the panic buttons in the annex are not properly functioning and is working on getting those running.

**New Business:**

**Equalization Director Mike Gillett** – presented the board with the apportionment report for approval. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the apportionment report as presented. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Krause, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (report attached)

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that LMAS is interested in buying the office building back from the county in the amount of \$110,000. And they would pay for all closing and surveying costs. It was moved by Commissioner

McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the sale of the building to LMAS. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Hill. NO: none. Absent: Patrick.

**Old Business:**

**Garfield Twp Supervisor Don Butkovich and Trustee Duncan MacArthur** – presented a request for ARPA funds for some road repairs that are much needed by Engadine Schools. It was moved by Commissioner Krause support by Commissioner McPhee to give \$50,000 from ARPA funds to Garfield Twp towards the road repairs. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (request attached)

A settlement agreement was presented to the board for a lawsuit that the county is involved in. After some discussion the board decided it would be best to settle the lawsuit and not incur more attorney costs and fees. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to agree to the settlement offer at a maximum of \$15,000. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Hill, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Patrick.

**Public Comment:**

Bryce Tracy thanked the board for passing the health care renewal and the resolution to be exempt from PA-152. And thanked the Health Care Committee for their hard work.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$32,786.00. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Hill, Krause, Lehrke. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$184,873.34. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Lehrke, Hill NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$16,310.44. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Patrick. (bills attached)

**Communications:**

October animal shelter report.

**Adjournment:** Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk