

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, November 29, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2018 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval – Chair Patrick requested to move New Business before Old Business. It was moved by Commissioner Hill with support by Commissioner McPhee to accept the amended agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018 (COW). VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018 (Budget). VVMC

Public Comment: None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Goudreau requested authorization to open a bank account at First National Bank for the Veterans Millage Fund. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Hill to authorize the Treasurer open an account for the Veterans Millage Fund at First National Bank.

Equalization Director Chipman informed the board that Rockford Maps produces a 4x9 map of the county at a cost of \$90.00. Director Chipman also discussed Assessing Reform Legislation

Sheriff Strait discussed the close of “No Shave November” in which \$450 was collected for Cedar Post Resale Shop; the change in policy at the Sheriff Department allowing employees to have beards; the on line surplus sale of equipment in the amount of \$731; and a bill in the amount of \$13,000 for the officer involved shooting incidence.

Clerk Johnston requested to reimburse Becky Paul from the Courthouse & Grounds budget for travel to a Survey & Remonumentation training since the Survey & Remonumentation grant did not allot for it. The board agreed to pay Ms. Paul from the Courthouse & Grounds travel line. Clerk Johnston also reminded the board of the Courthouse Christmas party on December 7th. (Memo attached)

New Business:

Paul Hitchens was present to discuss drain issues in Clark Township. Chair Patrick will look into the matter to see what avenue to take in resolving the issue.

Commissioner Krause arrived at 4:43 pm.

Superior District Library Board appointment – The board reviewed a letter from Lisa Waskin, Director of the Superior District Library requesting the appointment of Jan Reelitz to their board. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to appoint Jan Reelitz to the Superior District Library Board. VVMC

UP State Fair Board Appointment – The board reviewed a request from the UP State Fair Authority requesting an appointment to their board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner Krause to re-appoint Commissioner McPhee to the UP State Fair Authority Board for two years. (1/1/19 – 12/31/20). VVMC

Old Business:

Oak City/Selection of Contractor – The board discussed the security proposal with Peter Cross from Oak City contracting. Chair Patrick distributed Oak City Contracting Proposal for Security Upgrades and Commissioner Hill distributed a letter from St. Ignace Fire Chief Gary Sorenson. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Chair Patrick to accept the base bid of 179,082 from J. Ranck Electric. Roll Call: YES: Litzner, Patrick; NO: Hill, Krause, McPhee; Absent: none. Motion fails. (Proposal/Letter attached)

Medical Examiner – The board reviewed a letter from Bruce Dodson requesting to complete the contract for Medical Examiner services. Sheriff Strait informed the board that the Sheriff Department would not be able to provide that service for the County. After further discussion, it was moved by Chair Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to put it out for bids to the funeral homes within 50 miles and have all bids returned by December 21, 2018. VVMC (Letter attached)

AT&T Litigation Settlement – The board discussed the proposed settlement agreement with AT&T. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner

Litzner second by Commissioner McPhee to pay the settlement amount of \$22,500 in two payments, ½ paid in 2018 and ½ paid in 2019. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none.

Adopt Application for Special Project Funding – The board reviewed the Application for Special Project Funding. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Litzner second by Commissioner McPhee to adopt the Application for Special Project Funding. Ayes: Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; Nays: Hill (Application attached)

Police Officer Union Negotiations – It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations at 5:35 pm. VVMC

The board discussed the Police Officer union negotiations.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to move out of closed session at 5:53 pm. VVMC

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Litzner to move into public session at 5:55 pm. VVMC

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner McPhee discussed the need to increase the Airport budget to allow maintenance employee Smith to be paid for weekend snow removal at the Airport. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to amend the 516 department budget in the amount of \$500 for overtime. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none.

Public Comment – Sheriff Strait informed the board that due to the previous decision of the board to not proceed with the hiring of a contractor for security upgrades he will cancel the MMRMA Security Grant request in the amount of \$50,000 and will inform the Department Heads that the security upgrades will not be moving forward.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$56,218.73, the manual bills in the amount of \$83,876.30 and the additional bills in the amount of \$1,395.71. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Bills/Additional bills attached)

The board reviewed Budget Amendments 2018-15 and 2018-16. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Hill to approve the budget

amendments for Department 351 and Fund 259. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendments attached)

Communications:

The board reviewed the October Banking Account Report, UPACC Resolution, Huron County Resolution and Mackinac County Road Commission Resolution.

Adjournment – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk