

# **MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

**Agenda Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC.

**Minutes Approval:** It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of 9/22/2022 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget meeting minutes of 9/28/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget meeting minutes of 9/29/2022. VVMC. Absent: Lehrke

## **Public Comment:**

Portage Twp Supervisor Don Reed introduced himself. He discussed the Curtis Lake levels. He informed the board he would like to be appointed to the Lake Level Committee in the new year.

## **Elected Officials/Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau** – informed the board that the phone software is out of date for the county. Converge One will be coming next week to update the system.

**Sheriff Ed Wilk** – informed the board that 2 cars sold on the migov.net site. Also held a job fair and they were happy with the applications they received.

**Clerk Hillary Vowell** – presented the board with letters of appointment to the Superior District Library Board and the Department of Health and Human Services Board. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to appoint Ronda Engle to the Health and Human Services Board. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to appoint Jan Reelitz to the Superior District Library Board. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke. (letters attached)

**MEA Coordinator Chris Byrnes** – requesting \$200,000 from ARPA funds for Mackinac Marine Services Shipyard project. This could create 500 plus year-round good paying jobs. Been submitting grants for these projects. There is plenty of grant money available for infrastructure like this. \$200,000 would be specifically for engineering. The county would own the equipment and the building. Mackinac Marine Services would rent the space and equipment from the county. Engineering is the first critical step in getting this project started. The board had numerous questions and discussion was had. Commissioner Krause stated the citizens are concerned in the city about the size of the building and blocking the water views. He would like to see the city on board with the project. Commissioner Patrick was concerned that the land that would house the building is not county owned. There are lots of questions regarding zoning. Commissioner Hill made a motion to deny this request and put a stop to this whole project moving any further second by Commissioner McPhee. This vote is to deny the ARPA funding request and to put a stop to this project moving forward. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee. NO: Patrick, Krause. Absent: Lehrke. Commissioner Krause and Patrick would like to see this project move forward after more info is received. (handout attached)

**New Business:**

Semco Energy presented a request for an easement on county airport property. Semco Energy needs the easement to replace existing gas lines. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve this easement request. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Krause, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke. (easement agreement attached)

Bois Blanc Park Project sent a request for a donation towards a new park project. The board reviewed this request. After some discussion the board agreed to donate up to \$63,000 toward this project. The board would like to donate the money only once the Township shows that they are taking initiative to start the project. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to donate these funds to Bois Blanc Township. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Patrick, McPhee. NO: None. Absent: Lehrke. (request attached)

The board reviewed a proposal for new medical examiner services. After some discussion they decided to stay with our current medical examiner and not change services.

**Old Business:**

Bryce Tracy on behalf of the Insurance Committee gave an update on the health insurance renewal. He provided a handout to the board. He went over the PA 152 options that the county has. Treasurer Goudreau had some info on this as well. (handout attached)

**Public Comment:**

Jane Bishop – CLMCD discussed the projects that they cover in our county and requesting \$12,000 funding from the county. Some discussion was had and Commissioner Patrick thought \$12,000 should be approved. It was moved by

Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to allocate \$6,000 to CLMCD for the FY2023. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee. NO: Patrick. Absent: Lehrke. (request attached)

MSU Extension Educator Tracie Abram- gave an update on the current projects and classes. The classes have had good attendance and positive feedback.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$55,919.31. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Hill, Krause NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of 9/30/22 for approval in the amount of \$17,190.31. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills of 10/7/22 for approval in the amount of \$192,356. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$71,548. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Hill to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendments #2022-30 & 31. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, Krause, McPhee. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (amendments attached)

The board reviewed budget amendments #2022-32 & 33. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. Absent: Lehrke (amendments attached)

**Communications:**

MSU September newsletter, resolutions from Gogebic and Iron County.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to adjourn the meeting at 6:02pm. VVMC. Absent: Lehrke.

Hillary Vowell  
County Clerk