

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, October 28, 2021

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 in the Courthouse Annex, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to accept the amended agenda adding ARPA funds Sheriff car purchase, the Airport Easement Agreement and Judge Gibson letter regarding a current employee moving to Magistrate position. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Hill to approve the board minutes of October 14, 2021. VVMC

Public Comment:

MSU Extension-Susan Kirkman gave a brief update on the current 4-H activities and the successful summer programs.

EUP Collaborative-Jennie Hoffmann introduced herself. Shared some info on the Broadband project. She answered some questions the board had.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Emergency Coor Kasper gave a covid update and available testing and vaccine clinics. Informed the Board that he was selected for Emergency training in Virginia at the Coast Guard Headquarters.

Equalization Director Chipman presented the Apportionment Report for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the report as presented. VVMC

Equalization Director Chipman requested that Stephanie LaTour be moved into the Data Assessment Coordinator position. She has completed her MCAO certification. Moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee. VVMC

Treasurer Goudreau presented 3rd Qtr. Financial Reports. She also requested a donation for the H.O.M.E. program. Their annual fundraiser was cancelled due to covid. Moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the donation. VVMC

Treasurer Goudreau also presented the Airport Easement Agreement from Prein & Newhoff to the board for signature. Moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the Easement Agreement. VVMC

District Court Judge Gibson sent a letter requesting to move Clerk Christine Bawol to Magistrate position to train with Judy St.Louis who will retire in Spring of 2022. Moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to move Clerk Bawol into a Magistrate position effective Jan. 1, 2022. VVMC

Sheriff Wilk reported that the jail is back to full staff after a covid outbreak. The Take-Back Drug Program in Garfield Twp was a success. And the DNR gave the Sheriff's Office a reimbursement grant.

Clerk Vowell presented the 2022 Elected Official Salary Resolution. The Board decided to not raise the salary of the Elected Officials and have their wages remain the same as 2021. Moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none

New Business:

MEA Director Brynes presented to the Board the ARP Committees donation request from the Road Commission in the amount of \$72,577.42 due to revenue loss caused from the pandemic. And the Sheriffs Car purchase was also approved by the ARP Committee. It was agreed that \$200,000 from ARP funds be allocated for the car purchase and the remaining monies to come from the Delinquent Tax Fund. Moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the request for the Road Comm revenue loss donation and the Sheriffs car purchase from Mackinac Ford Sales. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee and Patrick. NO: none, abstained: Krause

CLM Conservation Dist.- Mike McCarthy was present to request a \$12,000 donation to the program for 2022. The Board tabled this request and informed Mr. McCarthy that a decision would be made after the 2022 Budget is complete.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$36,658.62. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Hill, Krause. NO: none (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills in the amount of \$42,328.84. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke, Krause. NO: none. (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$1,643.11. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Hill, Patrick, Krause, Lehrke. NO: none. (Bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendments #2021-33. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the amendments. VVMC (Amendments attached)

Communications: September Banking Report, Animal Shelter September Report and Menominee Co resolution. (Communications attached)

Adjournment – Vice Chair Krause adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk