

## MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 13, 2018

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 13, 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, Paul Krause, Dan Litzner, Bucky McPhee, Diane Patrick.  
Absent: None.

**Agenda Approval** – It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Hill to accept the amended agenda. VVMC

**Approval of Minutes** – It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Litzner to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018. VVMC

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Equalization Director Chipman** informed the board that the plat books are in and distributed a copy to each Commissioner and Department Head. The price for the plat books will remain at \$30. Director Chipman also discussed with the board the City of St. Ignace tax rolls seized by the State as they have no assessor to sign them; assessing reform; Senate bill 103; and job interviews.

**Treasurer Goudreau** discussed the MIDC plan regarding the hiring of a part time public defender. Clerk Johnston will prepare the ad and the interviews will be done by Public Defender George Tschirhart and the Commissioner liaison.

**Clerk Johnston** requested clarification of the years to collect the Veteran Services Program millage proposal as the Resolution and ballot wording stated different years. The board clarified the millage will be collected from 2018-2020. (Resolution/Ballot wording attached)

### **Old Business:**

**Parking Lot Bids** – The board reviewed the bid from Pitch Black Asphalt in the amount of \$7,500 to Seal/Pave the Courthouse and Sheriff Department parking lots. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to accept the bid from Pitch Black Asphalt. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent; none. (Bid attached)

**New Business:**

**Judge Graham-Attorney Fees/Personnel/Security** – Judge Graham informed the board that Probate Registrar Glenn will be retiring in February 2019. Judge Graham requested additional funds to allow for on the job training for the incoming register effective January 1, 2019. The Board agreed to his request.

Judge Graham discussed the Probate attorney rate of pay and the need to increase the rate as he is having a difficult time finding attorneys who will take those cases due to the MIDC plan at which attorneys are being paid \$100 per hour. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Litzner to raise the Probate attorney rate from \$50 to \$75 per hour. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent; none.

Judge Graham questioned the board on the status of a single point of entry for the Courthouse. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to further discuss this issue.

**St. Ignace Foley Creek Day Park Agreement** – The board reviewed the St. Ignace Township Foley Creek Day Park Agreement. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent; none. (Agreement attached)

**Resolution Opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025** – The board reviewed the Resolution Opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025. It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the Resolution. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent; none. (Resolution attached)

**AT&T Law Suit** – Chair Patrick informed the board that AT&T is suing Mackinac County for Breach of Contract in the amount of \$43,985.75. The Chair will forward the Complaint to the County's attorney.

**Sheriff Union Negotiating Appointment** – The Chair informed the board that she has received notice from the Police Officers Labor Council that they are ready to begin negotiations for the next Sheriff union contract and Chair Patrick and Commissioner Litzner will be negotiating for the board.

**Additional Board Member Business:**

Commissioner McPhee discussed the Great Lakes Air contract; Mackinac Island Officer payment for \$20,000 and 2019 budget request for same; and the county's responsibility to purchase veteran flags for veteran burial sites. (City of Mackinac Island letter/Payroll Summary attached)

Commissioner Hill discussed Veterans Services Officer Luis Perez meeting locations and schedule.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Public Comments:** Sheriff Strait informed the board that Belonga Excavating removed the plane that crashed into Lake Huron and there could be possible expenses coming.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:**

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$51,809.87 and the manual bills in the amount of \$161,907.28. 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 attached)

Additional Bills – The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$9,780.45. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Krause to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Additional bills attached)

The board reviewed Budget Amendments 2018-8 and 2018-9. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendments. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Litzner, McPhee, Patrick; NO: none; Absent: none. (Amendments attached)

**Communications:**

The board reviewed August Shelter Report, Tuscola Resolution(s), Marquette Resolution, Wexford Resolution, Antrim Resolution(s), Chippewa Resolution, Van Buren Resolution.

**Scheduled Meetings:**

The board scheduled the following meetings:

Committee of the Whole/Security - Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:30 p.m.

Budget Meetings – Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Lori Johnston  
County Clerk