

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 14, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the County Annex Building, Board Room, 100 S. Marley St. St. Ignace, MI.

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

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

Absent: None

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions - It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agenda. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of August 24, 2017 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment – Roger Pollard gave a presentation to the board regarding changing the name of Flower Bay Creek located in Clark Township back to the original name of Pollard Creek. Mr. Pollard has done extensive research and needs to obtain historical information and local, County, and State approval and is asking the board for support in changing the name. The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners gave Mr. Pollard their approval. (letter attached)

Stephen King informed the board that Naubinway is in the process of constructing a boardwalk for their boat launch area to provide better access to the public and may be requesting a contribution from the County for their project.

Alex Isseri, Director of Mackinac Economic Alliance, requested permission to install a phone line at their new offices located in the Michigan State Extension office. The board gave permission to install the phone line as long as Mackinac Economic Alliance will be paying for it.

Business:

Canvasser Appointments – The board reviewed letters from William Paul and Hannah Grogan requesting reappointment to the Board of Canvassers. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the appointments of William Paul and Hannah Grogan to the Board of Canvassers. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (letters attached)

Snowplowing Proposal – The board discussed the snowplowing ad and it was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to run the snowplowing ad in the paper. VVMC

Resolution – US2 Speed Limit – The board discussed Resolution Proclaiming the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners Opposition to the New 65 mph Speed Limit on US2. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Patrick to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (resolution attached)

Moran Township Request for Flashing Speed Limit Sign – The board discussed a letter from Moran Township expressing concern for the new 65 mph speed limit on US2 and the need for a flashing sign that would alert drivers of the decrease in speed to 45 mph when approaching the business area. The board supports Moran Township's request for a flashing sign and offers any assistance the township needs. (letter attached)

Resolution – Senate Bill 386 of 2017 – The board discussed the Resolution in Opposition of SB386. Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that the bill would undermine the foreclosure procedure and that 95% of the counties have already passed the resolution. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to adopt the Resolution in Opposition of SB386. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (resolution attached)

Sault Tribe 2% Monies – The board discussed the Sault Tribe 2% Funding Request. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the 2% Funding Request for the Top of the Lakes Snowmobile Museum in the amount of \$4,000.00. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (request attached)

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Mike Kasper, Emergency Management Director – Director Kasper was present to give a report on the recent Bridge Walk. The bridge was closed to thru traffic for the first time in 60 years and an expanded unified command, emergency operation center, and coordinated partnerships were some of the changes that were made to ensure the safety of the participants. Sheriff Strait mentioned that Lt. King of the State Police stated that Mike was an asset to the planning of the walk and believes that he and 911 Coordinator Bryce Tracey are the most well respected Emergency Manager and 911 Coordinator in the State. Both have served on their respective state boards.

Pam Chipman, Equalization Director – Director Chipman informed the board that she has hired Emily Reid as a temporary clerk to help with phone calls and to cover vacation leaves. Director Chipman requested permission to purchase a computer for the new clerk. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the computer purchase. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none.

Director Chipman requested permission to contract Tony Olson to assist with appraisal services. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the contract for Tony Olson to assist with appraisal services. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (contract attached)

Director Chipman requested direction regarding charging for GIS data information when the information sent would benefit Mackinac County. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to allow Director Chipman to use her discretion in billing for GIS data. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: Hill; ABSENT: none.

Sheriff Scott Strait – Sheriff Strait presented the board with three RAP (Risk Avoidance Program Application) Grants. The grants would be for used for the purchase and installation of 8 brush guards for the new vehicle fleet, the purchase of 5 body worn digital video cameras and the purchase and installation of digital video cameras in three vehicles. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner McPhee to authorize the Chair to sign the three RAP Grant Applications. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (grants attached)

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the Diverted Felon money application in the amount of \$29,580.00 was received.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the vehicles were all sold in the amount of \$31,615.00 and the monies will reimburse the Delinquent Tax Fund.

Sheriff Strait requested permission to transfer ORV wages #101-334-709.000 in the amount of \$2,300.00 to cover the purchase of a new 4 wheeler with 100% grant funds. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the transfer. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (transfer attached)

MSU Extension Director, Jim Lucas – The board discussed Director Lucas's memo requesting approval to purchase a new desktop computer in the amount of \$1,685.42. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the purchase of a desktop computer. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (memo attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Hill informed the board that the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners conference will be held October 19-20.

Committee Reports – Commissioner Krause discussed the limited trails designated for ORV use in the county and the condition of the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau building.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$41,898.11 and the manual bills in the amount of \$56,021.12. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Bills attached)

The additional bills were reviewed and it was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills in the amount of \$10,456.79. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: None. (Additional bills list attached)

The board reviewed the Request for Budget Amendment for Department 311 Medical Marijuana Act Grant. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Amendment attached)

The board reviewed the Request for Budget Amendment for Department 335 Homeland Security Grant. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Litzner to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: none. (Amendment attached)

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk