

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 22, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 in the Courthouse Annex Boardroom, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan.

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

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

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

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

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Hill second by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of 9/8/2022 as presented. VVMC.

Public Comment:

Joel Amo- CLMCAA Director thanked the board for their generous donation from ARPA funds for home heating assistance this winter.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – gave a report for tax auction proceeds, and the excess proceeds. Foreclosed on 16 parcels and re-sold 16 parcels. (reports attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – informed the board that the office is short 5 corrections officers at this time. A job fair is scheduled for Tuesday October 5. He also told the board that MMRMA stopped in for an on-site inspection unannounced. And that the inspection went well.

Register of Deeds Mary Jo Savard – everything is going well in her office. The internet book scanning project is in phase 2 and will be finished by end of October.

MEA Coordinator Chris Brynes – 5 million grant application going into the state for a pilot project for the electrifying of the first ferry boat. Another grant application went in for 1–2 million dollar range for hydroelectric generation. Working on finding engineering for these projects.

New Business:

Commissioner Patrick gave an update on the insurance committee. They have received the new insurance rates and will come to the board after the insurance committee has their next meeting.

Commissioner Patrick discussed the Hessel Airport building which houses the Sheriff Office substation for the deputies in Clark Township. The building is in need of new windows. Clark Twp would like to request \$3000 for new windows

from the ARPA funds. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve donating up to \$3000 for the purchase of new windows for the substation and this does not include labor.

Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke, Krause. NO: None.

Commissioner Patrick attended the MAC conference. They discussed the broadband project coming. Looking at summer 2023 for a targeted date to have it in Mackinac County. Police retention was a topic at the MAC conference and the police shortage in the state.

Old Business:

Commissioner McPhee discussed Great Lakes Air vacating the Airport office. Fresh Air Aviation is taking over the contract. They will schedule a meeting in the near future to review the contract terms. (draft contract attached)

Commissioner McPhee was contacted by the Health Department; they are looking for more office space and are interested in buying the LMAS building from the county. They have been renting the space from the county for the last few years. Some discussion was had on selling the building to make enough profit to build a new office building on the courthouse property. No decision was made at this time.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$47,331.18. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Lehrke, Patrick, Hill, Krause NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills for approval in the amount of \$109,001.25. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to approve the manual bills. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Krause, Hill, Patrick, Lehrke NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills for approval in the amount of \$36,487.71. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-29. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the budget amendment. Roll Call: YES: Patrick, Hill, Krause, McPhee, Lehrke. NO: none. (amendment attached)

Communications:

July banking report, August animal shelter report, Jackson County resolution.

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm.

Jennifer Luetzow
Chief Deputy Clerk