

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, September 23, 2021

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 23, 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, Mike Patrick and Jim Hill

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

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to accept the amended agenda adding ARPA funds approval to Great Lakes Boat Bldg. School and discussion of Ambulance property. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the board minutes of August 26, 2021. VVMC

Public Comment:

MSU Extension Representative-Susan Kirkman spoke briefly on different programs MSU Ext is currently offering.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

MEA Director Byrnes gave an update about the ARP Committee.

Emergency Services Coordinator Kasper spoke briefly on number of covid cases, vaccinations and recent exposures.

Sheriff Wilk spoke on mask mandates and number of cases within the Sheriff's Office. Also to commend Maintenance employee Jerry Lambert for job well done over the last 2 weeks.

New Business:

Veterans Service Board Vice Chair- Dick Pershinske presented the Board with info about hiring a new an Assistant for the Veterans Office. Discussion was held and he answered questions the Board had. Moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the hiring. VVMC

Commissioner Patrick- spoke on ARP Fund Committee project of the Great Lakes Boat Bldg. School. The Committee approved a donation for \$200,000 to help fund this project. Moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner to approve this. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick. NO: None Absent: None

Treasurer Goudreau- spoke on the tax foreclosure auctions and all properties were sold. She asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new server. Empiric will be doing the installation. The cost shall not exceed \$13,396. Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to complete the purchase. VVMC

Clerk Vowell- Requested the Board approve a pay step increase for her new Deputy Clerk hire. Some discussion was had on the wages and possibly getting a new wage study for the County. No action was taken on this matter. The Board recommend Clerk Vowell come back in January when the Reclass period is open to address this.

911 Coordinator Tracy- presented the Board with the final costs for the August election to pass the 911 Surcharge proposal. He discussed the 3 payment options to cover the costs. The Board voted to approve the costs to be paid from the General Fund with the 516 Treasurers fund for reimbursement. Motion by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick. Roll Call: YES: McPhee, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: Hill, Krause. Absent: None

Old Business:

Discussion was had on the County property for the new Cheboygan Life Support ambulance bldg. whether to rent the land or sell. This matter will be discussed at a later date.

EUP Broadband Collaborative – Commissioner Patrick spoke on using the ARP funds to commit to this partnership with 3% the costs being \$62,927. Motion by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the partnership contingent upon Luce and Chippewa Counties participating. VVMC

Treasurer Goudreau spoke on the Little Bear Park project. The previously approved \$3,000 will be paid from General Fund and not the ARP funds.

Public Comment:

Dick Pershinske spoke briefly on Hiawatha Sportsmen Club 501C charity foundation.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$69,547.51. the Board had some questions. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Hill, Krause. NO: None Absent: None (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills in the amount of \$44,312.97. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$662.17. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. VVMC (Bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendments #2021-24,25,26. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the amendments. VVMC (Amendments attached)

Communications: The Board reviewed the August Animal Shelter Report, August Banking Account Report, MSU Ext September Updates. (Communications attached)

Adjournment – Vice Chair Krause adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk