

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 28, 2017

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 28, 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, Bucky McPhee, Dan Litzner
Absent: Diane Patrick

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

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

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the minutes of September 14, 2017 as amended. VVMC

Public Comment – None

Business:

Social Services Board Appointment – The board reviewed a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services Interim Director John D. Keller requesting reappointment of DeWayne Evans to the Mackinac County Social Services Board. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner McPhee to approve the appointments of DeWayne Evans to the Social Services Board. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: Patrick. (letter attached)

Veteran Grant Application – The board reviewed the Application for the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency's County Incentive Grant. It was moved by Commissioner Krause with support by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Chair to sign the Veteran Affairs Incentive Grant. VVMC

Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that \$15,000.00 was received from the 2017 Veteran Grant request. The monies will be deposited into the General Fund in the Veteran's Department.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Chairman Hill informed the board that Emergency Management Director Mike Kasper will be speaking at the State Emergency Communications Conference in reference to the recent bridge walk.

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau informed the board that a Soup Luncheon fundraiser will be held on October 13, 2017 at noon in the Circuit Courtroom to support the volunteer efforts of the Mackinac County Sheriff's Victim Services Unit.

Sheriff Scott Strait – Sheriff Strait informed the board that the RAP Grants were sent in.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that a fire drill was conducted earlier today and the buildings were evacuated in less than 3 minutes. The fire alarm in the courthouse did not work, but the telephone alert system was able to alert the departments. Clerk Johnston informed the board that Alert Electronics has been notified and the fire alarm will be serviced tomorrow.

Sheriff Strait informed the board that the Sheriff's Department has a dispute with Correct Care Solutions (inmates medical insurance program) in the amount of \$9,413.00 and the Sheriff will inform the board as to the outcome.

The Sheriff informed the board of the ORV Mackinac Bridge crossing this Saturday.

MSU Extension Director, Jim Lucas – Director Lucas discussed the poor internet service at the Extension office and the desire to connect to Merrit.EDU network. The cost to connect this service would be \$35,400.00 which the cost could possibly be shared by MSU Extension, LMAS and Mackinac Economic Alliance. Director Lucas will discuss this at the next LMAS board meeting and report back to the board with possible solutions. (letter/quote attached)

Director Lucas presented the board with the Agreement for Extension Services for 2018. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee with support by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement for Extension Services. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: Patrick. (Agreement 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.

The board discussed the letter of support to Jim Yoder, Area Specialist of Rural Development, regarding the construction of a new professional office building for Mackinac Straits Health System.

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that he received the annual request from the City of Mackinac Island for \$20,000.00 for seasonal officer.

Commissioner McPhee presented the board with the letter of support for Matt Lincoln of the DNR to apply for grant funding to replace a culvert and trail repair over Bissell Creek. The board authorized the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Litzner discussed the Mackinac Economic Alliance's quarterly appropriation and the need to receive quarterly reports.

Committee Reports – Commissioner Hill informed the board that 350 officials attended the recent Michigan Association of Counties conference held on Mackinac Island.

Public Comment: Sheriff Strait informed the board that he is planning an open house next year to celebrate Edward Biddle, the first Sheriff of Mackinac County in October 1818. Artifacts and historical data from then to current will be on display.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments:

The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$82,640.74 and the manual bills in the amount of \$138,443.22. It was moved by Commissioner Litzner with support by Commissioner Krause to approve the bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Litzner, Krause; NO: none; ABSENT: Patrick. (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 \$807.73. Roll Call: YES: Hill, McPhee, Litzner, Krause; NO: None; ABSENT: Patrick. (Additional bills list attached)

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Lori Johnston
Mackinac County Clerk