

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 8, 2022

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 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 Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the agenda as amended. VVMC.

Minutes Approval: It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of 8/25/2022 as presented. VVMC.

Public Comment:

None

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Treasurer Jennifer Goudreau – gave an update and finalizing the new Chart of Accounts.

Clerk Hillary Vowell – presented the board with a retirement resolution for Corrections Officer William LaLonde. Clerk Vowell requested the board appoint Brenda Garries to the Planning Commission. She sent a letter of interest. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the appointment. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, Krause, McPhee, Patrick. NO: none. (letter attached)

Sheriff Ed Wilk – informed the board that the Labor Day bridge walk went very well. Also, that the Sheriff's Office is still down one Corrections Officer and will be down 2 when William LaLonde retires. He also told the board that there will be an electronic waste collection on Weds. Sept. 14 at Little Bear.

Emergency Manager Mike Kasper – has been moving forward with grant applications. Also, there was another emergency exercise with Enbridge that went well. And the Labor Day bridge walk was well attended; numbers were up from last year.

MSU Extension Program Coordinator Tracie Abram – introduced herself and gave an update on the services that MSU has planned for the upcoming year. Some of those programs will include emotional/behavioral sessions to the local schools.

New Business:

Commissioner McPhee informed the board that Great Lakes Air, the current company that has been managing the county airport taxi flights has not been keeping up to the terms of the contract. And the county needs to terminate the

contract. Fresh Air Aviation is willing to take over the contract. The board requested that Clerk Vowell contact Attorney Bill Nordeen to draft up a letter to terminate the contract. And a new contract will be drafted for Fresh Air Aviation. (contract attached)

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner Krause requested that the county donate \$50,000 this year to the Community Action Agency for home heating assistance. This past winter \$25,000 was donated from the ARPA funds. All of that money went towards home heating in Mackinac County. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner McPhee to donate \$50,000 out of ARPA funds to Community Action Agency. Roll Call: YES: Krause, McPhee, Hill, Patrick, Lehrke. NO: none.

Commissioner Krause also discussed the influx of employees and or dept heads coming to the meetings and requesting pay increases. And that it should be done only in January. Treasurer Goudreau informed the board that reclass is in January and that the dept heads can ask for step increases at anytime of the year, that the step increase request is not a reclass. Sheriff Wilk also had some input. Commissioner Patrick brought to the boards attention that they should not make a decision on this and wait until the new year with the new board coming in.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the regular bills for approval in the amount of \$22,870.22. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee 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 \$30,658.90. 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 \$61,174.58. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the additional bills. Roll Call: YES: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick, Krause. NO: none. (bills attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2022-28. 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:

Electronic Waste Collection flyer (flyer attached)

Adjournment: Chair Lehrke adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk