

September 28, 2016

The special work session meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 PM in the Commissioner's Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bill Carpenter

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, S. Hull,
J. Anderson, T. Posma.

Absent: C. VanderWall.

Invocation was given by Vice Chairman Bill Carpenter. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by C. Lange to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public Comment: Michigan State University (MSU) Extension District 5 Coordinator Mike Krauch thanked the Board for their continued support. He again asked for additional funding for the 4-H program. He also invited all of the Commissioners to the New County Commissioner Workshops on November 21st in Kalamazoo or November 22nd in Big Rapids.

Work Session on 2017 Budget: Commissioner Posma arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Administrator Knizacky stated that the proposed Mason County 2017 Final General Fund expenditure budget maintains the level of service currently provided by the County, but does show a 23% decrease in funding. Commissioner Posma stated that the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee looked at all the requests from departments for additional staffing and that no funds are currently available for an increase in personnel. He also noted that certain services are mandated by the State that the County has to provide.

Discussion took place regarding the sale of the old hospital building on South Washington Avenue. Administrator Knizacky reminded the Board where he was instructed to place the proceeds from the sale.

There was no other unfinished business.

Public Comment: MSU Extension District 5 Coordinator Mike Krauch again asked the Commissioners to look into the budget to find monies to increase hours even just giving them ten more hours. Commissioner Hull asked if there was any way that this increase would be an option. Vice Chairman Carpenter asked from what department would we take that funding and indicated that at this time, all department budgets are stretched to their limit.

The meeting was adjourned 7:31 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

BILL CARPENTER, BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN