

July 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, G. Castonia, C. Lange,
L. Squires, S. Hull, J. Andersen,
Absent: T. Posma

Invocation was given by W. Taranko. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence was read.

Public comment:

- Chairman Lange introduced new Animal Control officer Sarah Colbrook.
- State Senator Darwin Booher updated the Board on issues that are happening at the State level. These included Department of Health and Human Services receiving funding for mental health to work with schools and the prison system, Personal Property tax issue, road funding received and construction that will take place over the next 7-10 years, Indigent Defense Council funding; Michigan State Lottery funds and impact of allowing on-line gambling; and status of the Natural Resource Park Fund.
- Beth McGill-Riezer of Ludington had questions regarding the ID Credentialing system. Ms. McGill-Riezer was told this item was on the agenda and would be discussed in detail later in the meeting.

Mason County Emergency Management Coordinator Elizabeth Reimink presented her annual report and answered questions. Chairman Lange presented Emergency Manager Reimink with the University of Georgia - College of Public Health's Internship Facilitator of the Year award. Ms. Reimink had been nominated by Major Kristopher Appler who had interned with the Emergency Management Office in 2017.

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman W. Taranko and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated June 14, 2018 totaling \$255,509.74 and June 28, 2018 totaling \$334,314.30; and

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee found these claims to be in order and asks the Board to approve these claims.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko, C. Lange, T. Posma

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Kane County, Utah has been successful in their lawsuit alleging that the federal government has underpaid counties related to Payments in Lieu of Taxes; and

WHEREAS, Mason County has the ability to opt-in as a class member of this Class Action lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the county opt-in.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves opting-in as a class member of the Class Action lawsuit between Kane County, Utah and the United States and directs their Board Chair to sign all necessary documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Administrator Knizacky be listed as the county's contact regarding the Class Action lawsuit.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by L. Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, an ID Credentialing Machine will be purchased with Homeland Security Funds; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink, the Local Planning Team, and the Safety & Courts Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve a \$60.00 annual fee for entities using the machine to generate funds to purchase supplies and to replace the machine in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a \$60.00 annual fee for entities using the machine to generate funds to purchase supplies and to replace the machine in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fees be deposited in Fund 402 earmarked for the ID Credentialing Machine.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Commissioner Squires thanked Emergency Manager Reimink for her outstanding leadership and service to the residents of Mason County. He also thanked Senator Darwin Booher for service to the residents of Mason County for the past 14 years in his roles as State Representative for the 101st District and State Senator.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Grants are now being given on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason is a member of the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the Homeland Security Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission is requesting a sponsorship form for each local project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached sponsorship form for the Mason County Fiscal Year 2017 Local Allocation Projects and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said form.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Commissioner Hull wished everyone a late happy 4th of July.

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Maintenance Supervisor Enbody and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee are recommending the replacement of the temperature controls at the Health Department Building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the replacement of the temperature controls at the Health Department Building; funds to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Airport Manager O'Connor is requesting additional part-time hours for the summer mowing season; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of an additional 275 hours for the seasonal part-time employee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an additional 275 hours for the seasonal part-time employee; salary consistent with the part-time position salary schedule.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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Motion by S. Hull and seconded by L. Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County has built additional hangar space; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending the attached airport hangar lease with SafetyDecals.com.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached airport hangar lease between the County of Mason and SafetyDecals.com.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, MCL 125.3601 (7) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006 allows a legislative body to appoint alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, there is one alternate position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals representing the Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending Mr. Thomas Hooper be appointed to this position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Thomas Hooper be appointed as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, representatives of the Mason County Parks & Recreation Commission have negotiated the attached amendment to the lease with Consumers Energy for the operation of the Mason County Campground; and

WHEREAS, Mason County Parks & Recreation Commission approved the lease at their June 18, 2018 meeting and is recommending that the County Board of Commissioners approve it also.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment to the Mason County Campground Lease with Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of Commissioners has approved landing fees for the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, three organizations use the Mason County Airport for non-profit activities, including Wings of Mercy who uses donated pilots and aircraft to fly patients to/from medical treatment that would otherwise be unable to afford air transportation, Veteran's Airlift Command who uses donated pilots and aircraft to fly wounded veterans for medical treatment or for compassionate purposes, and Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc. for the program Operation Good Cheer; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners waive the landing fees for these three organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason waives the landing fees at the Mason County Airport for Wings of Mercy, Veteran's Airlift Command, and Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Mason County Remonumentation Plan states that the County Grant Administrator must submit surveyor contracts to the Mason County Board of Commissioners for approval and authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of an amendment to the contracts with Mr. Jim Nordlund and Surveyor Rex Pope.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an amendment to the contracts with Mr. Jim Nordlund and Surveyor Rex Pope and further directs the Board Chair to sign said contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan has requested that the Mason County Board of Commissioners review and approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Implementation Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for July 10, 2018.

THEREFORE, we, your Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee, request your approval of the following transfers:

Welfare Child Care	\$ 30,000.00
Friend of the Court	\$106,000.00
Jail Operations	\$133,333.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Social Welfare	\$ 6,400.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 67,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 10,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the county's attorney is recommending the attached language be added to the Mason County Employee Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached amendment to the policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment to the Mason County Employee Handbook; effective August 1, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the June 2018 Treasurer's Report and noted that collection of the summer taxes has started.

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Clerk C. Kelly presented the June 2018 Clerk's Report. She informed the Commissioners of the additional required training on the new election equipment for election inspectors and local clerks noting they should be commended for all of the new information and procedures that they have had to learn. She held training the previous evening with Grant with Free Soil Townships. There will be upcoming trainings to be held at Victory Township, Sherman and Sheridan Townships, and Summit Township. Previous sessions have already taken place for other townships.

Administrator Knizacky noted that the 2017 Audit has been completed and that it will be presented to the Board at the August Board Meeting. He noted that he is working on 2018 mid-year budget amendments and the 5-year capital improvement plan with the department heads and elected officials.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Beth McGill-Riezer pointed out what she felt was a typographical error on the resolution read by Chairman Lange regarding the Area Agency on Aging. The year should have been 2019 not 2018. She was thanked for pointing out this error.

- Senator Darwin Booher noted that with the Homeland Security there was additional funding set aside for schools and if Emergency Manager L. Reimink was in charge of schools, he would assist her in this. Unfortunately, E.M. Reimink only assists in developing and writing of school plans. That the Schools in Mason County have formed a School Safety Team.

Any other business: Chairman Lange reminded the board that there is a Township Officer's meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Mason County Eastern Schools. He encouraged Board members to attend.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN