

**January 8, 2019**

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 Clerk C. Kelly.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, G. Castonia, C. Lange, L. Squires,  
S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon  
Absent: None.

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

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Clerk Kelly asked Commissioner Taranko to bring forth a resolution for a one-year term for Chairperson.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 392 of 2000 amends section 3 of Public Act 156 of 1851 specifying that the chairperson of a county board of commissioners shall be elected each odd-numbered year to serve a two-year term, unless the county board of commissioners provides by resolution that the chairperson shall be elected annually for a one-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 392 took effect on January 4, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason desires to elect its chairperson on an annual basis.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason does hereby determine to elect its chairperson for annual one-year terms in accordance with the terms of Public Act 392 of 2000.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Clerk Kelly also explained that by law the election of the Board Chairman was the only time commissioners were allowed to vote by secret ballot and only if a motion were to be passed by the County Board requesting the vote for Chairman to be taken by secret ballot. No motion was made from the floor regarding the issue.

Clerk Kelly opened the floor for nominations of the Board Chair position. Commissioner Taranko nominated Commissioner Andersen; this was seconded by Commissioner Squires. There were no other nominations from the floor. Clerk Kelly asked two more times for nominations and hearing none, a motion was made by W. Taranko and seconded by Commissioner Lange to close nominations with unanimous vote being cast for Commissioner Andersen for Chair of the Mason County Board of Commissioners for 2019. Motion carried.

Clerk Kelly turned the meeting over to Chairperson Andersen at this time.

Commissioner Andersen thanked the Board for their votes and stated that she looks forward to her continued work with them and serving the citizens of Mason County.

Chair Andersen then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-chair. Motion made by Commissioner Squires to nominate Commissioner Hull for Vice-Chair. Two more times Chairperson Andersen asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Motion was made by Commissioner Castonia and seconded by Commissioner Taranko to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Commissioner Hull as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Melanie Tomaski, Ludington High School teacher, presented to inform the Board of Commissioners of the Work-based Learning Program that has been established at Ludington area schools for juniors and seniors. This program would allow students to come into an employment field to work with and/or without pay to see if said position would be something they would like to do for their future job after high school. Questions were asked of Ms. Tomaski regarding employer responsibility, which is only to confirm and sign time cards. Ms. Tomaski left the meeting to return to school at 9:23 a.m.

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Public comment:

• Steve Brock, Interim City of Ludington Manager, congratulated the board on their appointments and looked forward to the cooperative work between the two entities in the coming year. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, from time to time, to review and update the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Register of Deeds is recommending the purchase of a LifeCycle Plan from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the approval of the purchase of this plan.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a LifeCycle Plan from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for January 8, 2019.

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

Welfare Child Care	\$ 30,000.00
Road Patrol	\$174,000.00
Friend of the Court	\$109,750.00
Jail Operations	\$135,000.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Indigent Defense	\$ 38,375.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 67,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 10,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated December 13, 2018 totaling \$247,206.05 and December 27, 2018 totaling \$309,434.42; 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) C. Lange, W. Taranko, T. Posma (retired 12/31/18)

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 schedule of meetings for the Mason County Board of Commissioners requires approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2019 schedule of meetings.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

JANUARY 8 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	JULY 9 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 12 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	AUGUST 13 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MARCH 12 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
APRIL 9 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	OCTOBER 8 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 12 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
JUNE 11 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
			JANUARY 14 <sup>h</sup> , 2019	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendments; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendments.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Commissioner Squires informed the board of two upcoming meetings: the Medical Control Board will meet at noon on January 16, 2019 and the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority meeting will meet at 3:00 p.m. on January 24, 2019. All are invited to attend.

Commissioner Andersen stated that she will be working on assignments for the upcoming 2019 calendar year and welcomed new Mason County Board member Ron Bacon.

Administrator Knizacky wished to inform the board that the projects at the Mason County Airport are running ahead of schedule due to the nice weather we have been having this winter. Phase II work that was slated to begin in February has already begun.

Six counties (Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Osceola, Lake and Mason) have been interviewing for a regional administrator for the Indigent Defense Program. Round one interviews were performed earlier in December and the second round of interviews will take place January 25, 2019. The Regional Grant Administrator for the indigent defense program is required to be an attorney. The regional counties are looking to hire one individual to represent them all. The County has six months to be in compliance once the payment has been received in January of 2019.

Commissioner Squires requested an update on the opioid lawsuit. Administrator Knizacky stated that the lawyers filed discovery information and it is in the courts hands at this time. There was an extensive amount of information that was requested. Commissioner Squires inquired how many counties were involved with this lawsuit. Administrator Knizacky did not know.

There was no Public Comment.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR