

June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman J. Andersen

Roll call was taken. Present: N. Krieger, G. Castonia, C. Lange, L. Squires,  
S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon

Absent:

Invocation was given by Chuck Lange. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Special Meeting and the May 14, 2019 regular Meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment:

Dr. Joyce deJong, Medical Examiner for Western Michigan University (WMU) School of Medicine, presented the 2018 Annual Report. She notes that this is the first full year that WMU provided services for Mason County. Drug-related deaths primarily from opioids remained high in 2018. She highlighted the high referral rate to the Gift of Life; and the continued work being done with the Child Death Review Team, which identifies why children die and what can be done to prevent deaths in the future.

Dr. deJong, left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. after her presentation.

James Kelly, Director from Michigan State University Extension attended the meeting. He notes that on February 16, 1916 Russell Tanner was appointed to serve as the first Michigan State University Extension County Ag Agent. Now, 103 years later, it is his privilege to continue guiding MSU-E's presence in Mason County. He provided a brief overview of the 2017-2018 annual report noting the accomplishments. In addition, he expressed his appreciation for the financial support MSU-E receives from the County. Furthermore, he was pleased that two commissioners now sit on the MSU-E board.

Mary Samuels, Director of the Mason County Road Commission, introduced herself and the three additional members present from the Road Commission. She provided a review of the 2018 Annual Report for the Road Commission. Pension funding was discussed with a ten-year plan noted to be in place. Many road and/or bridge projects are taking place throughout the county.

Commissioner Squires informed Director Samuels that he has been hearing good comments from his cliental in his office regarding the current job being performed. He questioned if the proposed 45 cent gas tax by the new Governor would filter down to the local level and the roads? Director Samuels noted that the plan established in 2015 by Governor Snyder has already filtered \$1.6 million toward local road commissions. She is not aware of what the impact the current proposal will have due to lack of information provided by the State.

Director Samuels went on to inform the Board of the need for a new facility noting that they have outgrown their current building, have no place to store all of the equipment, roof leaks, and also due to various safety issues for staff. Even though preventative maintenance has been done over the years, the building is still in need of further repairs, the most prevalent to become ADA compliant (American Disabilities Act). They would like to build a new building on existing property and are inquiring of the County to become the fiduciary for a proposed thirty (30) year loan.

Questions were asked from Commissioner Bacon and Commissioner Squires. The proposed new building would be built at the same location. Land currently owned by the Road Commission on north US-31 would be sold to assist in the building costs.

Commissioner Andersen noted that more information will be required in the future before a decision could be made.

Kevin Hughes of the District Health Department #10 reviewed the 2018 annual report and provided a handout to the Board that covered his report.

Karen and Cary Shindelcker introduced the Ludington O-bot Team. This is a team that worked collaboratively utilizing each student's skill set and talents to create a robot from scratch, and then compete against other school teams within the State. The team is comprised of both male and female students from grades 9 through grade 12. After winning at the State level, they moved on to the International level where they competed with approximately 800 teams from throughout the world. Students that participated on this team spoke regarding their positive life-altering experiences, and felt that being a team member has impacted their life in a positive way.

Commissioner Krieger noted that as the most recent graduating member to have joined the Board of Commissioners, he wished he would have had this opportunity when he attended Ludington Area Schools. Go O's.

Commissioner Castonia inquired of students whether or not participation on this team changed their minds on whether or not to attend college. Some answered with a positive "yes". This experience opened their eyes to the possibilities of their future in areas that they found intriguing and interesting.

Commissioner Bacon thanked the Shineldeckers for their role in starting the Ludington O-bot team and for the influences they have provided in assisting the children.

Commissioner Andersen noted that these students are learning some of the most valuable life lessons that could be taught and have represented the community well. She was very proud of them. She thanked the group for taking the time to attend the County board meeting and provide the Commissioners with a presentation.

Motion by N.Krieger and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee has applied for a FY 2018-19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the County of Mason.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves accepting the FY 2018-19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant and directs the Board Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by L. Squires 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 Regional Medical Consortium as the Fiduciary for the Homeland Security Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium 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 2018 Local Allocation Projects and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said form.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman G. Castonia and seconded by C. Lange to approve the following resolution:

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**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 Regional Medical Consortium as the Fiduciary for the 2017 Homeland Security Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

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

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**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 Regional Medical Consortium as the Fiduciary for the 2018 Homeland Security Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman C. Lange and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for June 11, 2019.

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

Road Patrol	\$174,000.00
Jail Operations	\$135,000.00
Public Improvement	\$393,391.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange, J. Andersen, S.Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Prosecuting Attorney Spaniola is recommending the replacement of a computer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending paying for the attached computer out of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached computer; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman C. Lange and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, all amendments to the District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) Sanitary Code shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners of all counties within the jurisdiction of DHD#10; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on April 26, 2019, during the Board of Health meeting in the Boardroom located in the DHD#10 Wexford County office in Cadillac, Michigan, to consider proposed changes to the Sanitary Code; and

**WHEREAS**, following the April 26 public hearing, the Board of Health recognized the State of Michigan has now assumed authority for overseeing and enforcing regulation of establishments engaged in providing tattoos and piercings; and approved a motion to remove Chapter 9, Body Art Code and Guidelines, from the DHD#10 Sanitary Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on May 31, 2019, during the Board of Health meeting in the Boardroom located in the DHD#10 Wexford County office in Cadillac, Michigan, to consider changes to the Sanitary Code chapter on Point of Sale as requested by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, following the May 31 public hearing, the Board of Health approved a motion to adopt changes to the Manistee County Point of Sale program, which are intended to:

- Extend the timeframe for a Point of Sale evaluation to be valid from 24 to 36 months;
- Eliminate exemptions from inspections for certain property transfers: from spouse to immediate family members; foreclosures or forfeitures; or establishing or releasing a security interest; and
- Require inspections for Land Contract sales at the initiation of a contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the changes to the DHD#10 Sanitary Code as duly reviewed through the public hearing process and approved by the Board of Health to (1) Delete Chapter 9, Body Art; and (2) Revise Terms of the Point of Sale Program for Manistee County, are approved by the Board of Commissioners of Mason County, Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the changes approved herein will become effective after all other Boards of Commissioners for the Counties in the DHD#10 jurisdiction approve the same, and then only forty-five (45) days following the date the Board of Health adopts the approved Sanitary Code revisions.

Commissioner Krieger questioned the elimination of the exemption from the inspection between family members from five to three exemptions. He was informed by Kevin Hughes of District #10 Health Department that the change was correct.

Roll Call vote: AYES: Lange, Squires, Hull, Bacon, Andersen, Castonia, Krieger.  
NAYS: None.

DATED June 11, 2019

Board of Commissioners of Mason County, Michigan

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by N.Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase four (4) Bullet Proof Vests and three (3) Bullet Proof Vests Custom Carrier and Suspenders Systems from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of this purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of four (4) Bullet Proof Vests and three (3) Bullet Proof Vests Custom Carrier and Suspenders Systems; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan and the County of Mason have historically worked together to provide for Marine Safety Programs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2019 Marine Safety Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated May 02, 2019 totaling \$528,938.10 and May 16, 2019 totaling \$349,733.80 and May 30,2019 totaling \$372,794.43; 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, J. Andersen, S. Hull.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman S. Hull and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Director of Information Technology is recommending the purchase of six telephone handsets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending paying for the attached telephone handsets out of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached telephone handsets; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by L. Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the following applications for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974) have been filed with the County Clerk.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>
19-002	Burke & Lisa Larsen	Amber	12
19-003	Burke & Lisa Larsen	Victory	20
19-004	Burke & Lisa Larsen	Victory	35
19-005	Burke & Lisa Larsen	Custer	7

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the applications for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974), in the County of Mason.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

Commissioner Krieger noted that he had reviewed the PA116 applications and found that the applications appeared to be in order.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by C. Lange to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, all amendments to the District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) Sanitary Code shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners of all counties within the jurisdiction of DHD#10; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on April 26, 2019, during the Board of Health meeting in the Boardroom located in the DHD#10 Wexford County office in Cadillac, Michigan, to consider changes to the Sanitary Code to remove Kalkaska County from the Point of Sale program as requested by the Board of Commissioners of Kalkaska County; and

**WHEREAS**, following the April 26 public hearing, the Board of Health approved the requested changes to remove Kalkaska County from the Point of Sale Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the changes to the DHD#10 Sanitary Code as duly reviewed through the public hearing process and approved by the Board of Health to remove Kalkaska County from the Point of Sale Program, are approved by the Board of Commissioners of Mason County, Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the changes approved herein will become effective after all other Boards of Commissioners for the Counties in the DHD#10 jurisdiction approve the same, and then only forty-five (45) days following the date the Board of Health adopts the approved Sanitary Code revisions.

Commissioner Krieger questioned if the Sanitary code was a legislative change State wide or was this just a local change. He was informed that it was a State-wide change. Mason County is the second County to make this change.

Roll call vote: AYES: Castonia, Lange, Squires, Hull, Bacon, Andersen, Krieger.  
NAYS: None.

Moved for your approval

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

DATED June 11, 2019 Board of Commissioners of Mason County, Michigan

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy, with the summer tax levies for 2005 and 2006 to be in the amount of 1/3 and 2/3, respectively, of the total County allocated tax, with the full amount of County allocated tax to be levied and collected as a summer tax levy in 2007 and thereafter.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Mason County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2019, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County is directed to account for and deliver the County allocated tax collections for 2019 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax on July 1, 2019, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Administrator to the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County.

Roll call vote: AYES: Bacon, Hull, Andersen, Squires, Lange, Castonia, Krieger.  
NAYS: None.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment.

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

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the 2018 Annual Investment Report and reported a healthy increase in the investment revenue.

Clerk C. Kelly presented Clerk's Report. In addition she noted that one Township will be having a November election.

Due to Administrator Knizacky absence, no administrative report was given.

There was no public comment:

There was no other business:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR