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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: None

Invocation was given by N. Krieger. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

No Public comment:

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Agriculture, Huron-Manistee National Forests have historically worked together to provide for patrolling of the National Forests in the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Agriculture, Huron-Manistee National Forests and further directs the County 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 Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason has selected I.T. Right to perform network administration; and

WHEREAS, I.T. Right has requested that the County name a Director of Information Technology to be their technology contact; and

WHEREAS, Register of Deeds Diane Englebrecht agreed to fill this role on a trial basis; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve making this a permanent appointment with compensation as outlined in the attached proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves compensation for the Director of Information Technology as outlined in the attached e-mail; effective May 2, 2019.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

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Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman 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 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) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Treasurer Kmetz is requesting authorization to purchase a printer from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the 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 a printer for the Treasurer’s office, funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, FOC Niemeyer is recommending that the Board approve a Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc. to perform a cyber-security assessment as required by our federal contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc.; funds to come from the fund balance of the Friend of the Court Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Board Chair Andersen to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason previously approved the purchase of new vehicles and the disposal of old vehicles related to the Sheriff’s office; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole is requesting that a training car be added to their fleet by keeping one of the old vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending approval of this request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves adding a training car to the vehicle fleet of the Mason County Sheriff’s Office.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for May 14, 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
Airport Operations	\$ 37,450.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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Motion by S. Hull and seconded by C. Lange to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated April 04, 2019 totaling \$500,110.73 and April 18, 2019 totaling \$205,047.17; 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) S. Hull, J. Andersen, C. Lange

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has offered a grant contract to rehabilitate runway, airfield crack sealing and rehabilitate runway airfield paint marking under the 2019 Statewide Program, as further defined in Contract No. 2019-0408, at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending the approval of this contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves Contract No. 2019-0408 for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project to reimburse Mason County to rehabilitate runway, airfield crack sealing and rehabilitate runway airfield paint marking under the 2019 Statewide Program at the Mason County Airport and directs the Board Chair Janet S. Andersen to sign any necessary documents.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board and the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee are recommending approval of the attached Agreements with Spectrum Enterprise for phone and internet services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreements and directs the Board Chair to sign them on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by G. Castoina to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Prosecutor Spaniola is recommending that the Board approve a Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc. to perform a cyber-security assessment as required by our federal contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc.; funds to come from General Fund Contingency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Board Chair Andersen to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S.Hull

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Larsen's Landscaping, LLC has agreed to provide mowing services at the Mason County Airport in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County has been satisfied with the services provided by Larsen's Landscaping, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends extending the contract with Larsen's Landscaping, LLC for one year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves extending the contract with Larsen's Landscaping, LLC for one year to provide grass mowing services and further directs the Chair to sign the contracts on its behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, May is Mental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognize that stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Lake, Mason and Oceana County, in coordination with West Michigan Community Mental Health and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, represented their home counties in an event titled “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” at the State Capitol on May 9, 2019 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognizes May as Mental Health Month and supports the efforts of the citizens of Mason County who participated in the “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” event to promote awareness of, and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a not-for-profit historical recognition institution dedicated to honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our local sports; and

WHEREAS, this year, 2019, marks the 15th such class of individuals and teams to be inducted in its illustrious hall through its unveiling at Historic White Pine Village through a partnership with the Mason County Historical Society and an induction banquet at Lincoln Hills Golf and Country Club; and

WHEREAS, its Board of Directors has selected six former athletes to be inducted into the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 15th class of inductees includes **Dr. William M. Anderson**, one of the foremost historians on the Detroit Tigers, writing *The Detroit Tigers: A Pictorial Celebration of the Greatest Players and Moments in Tiger History*, *The Glory Years of the Detroit Tigers, 1920-1950*, and *The View From the Dugout: The Journals of Red Rolfe*. He co-authored *Rick Ferrell: Knuckleball Catcher* with the former Tigers coach and vice president, and four articles on the club for *Michigan History Magazine*. He has been invited several times by the club for speeches including to re-dedicate a commemorative plaque to Ty Cobb at Comerica Park. Two of his books received recognition either within the state or nationally; **Jeff Henry** is a 1977 graduate of Mason County Central, and he is Mason County's first ever state champion in the sport of wrestling. Henry won the title at 138 pounds with an undefeated record of 32-0 during his senior grade year. Henry was a four-time state tournament qualifier — a first for a Mason County wrestler — and he was the state runner-up in 1976 at 132 pounds with a 32-1 record. He finished his career with a 108-21 mark, and he was the first to win 100 matches. He went on to wrestle for the University of Michigan; **Rachel Jensen Faucett** was one of the top individual tennis players for her respective age as a youth, garnering top 10 rankings and eventually going professional. Paired with twin sister Rebecca Jensen DiIanni, they were ranked in the top five nationally in doubles play through their teenage years. Faucett qualified for four Grand Slam tournaments as well; **Rebecca Jensen DiIanni** garnered top 10 rankings as a youth, and eventually turned professional. She, and twin sister Rachel Jensen Faucett, were ranked in the top five nationally in doubles play in their teenage years. DiIanni earned a scholarship at Kansas where she was one half of a doubles national championship. She played in all four Grand Slam tournaments as a professional; **Erica Bieniek Reed**, a 1999 graduate of Mason County Central, golfed four years for Mason County Central's boys' team, and she was the team most valuable player her senior grade year. She went on to play four seasons at Western Michigan University where she was a three-year captain and was voted the most valuable player three years. She earned first team All-Mid-American Conference while setting records for a low 18-hole round, a 36-hole event and a 54-hole event. After college, Bieniek Reed went pro, playing on the Futures Tour of the LPGA. She is now the director of golf at Lincoln Hills Golf Club; **Steve Schoenherr** is a 1958 graduate of Ludington where he earned all-conference honors twice, scored 705 total points and was named first team All-State by both the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press in 1958. He went on to the University of Michigan where he lettered for three seasons. A middle-distance runner in high school, he has run numerous marathons including the Boston Marathon; **Harrie Lee Volkens** is a 1960 graduate of Ludington where he played football, basketball, baseball and track. He earned All-State honors during his senior year in basketball, and he amassed 937 career points. He went on to play for the freshman team at the University of Wisconsin before transferring to Western Michigan University and playing two years there.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby declare June 29, 2019, as Mason County Sports Hall of Fame Day and that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 County Commission proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, speaking for the citizens of the County of Mason and for themselves, offers their sincere congratulations to the 2019 inductees to the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has negotiated the attached memorandum of understanding with Michigan Works! West Central to lease space for the Veterans Service Officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a memorandum of understanding with Michigan Works! West Central to lease space for the Veterans Service Officer and further directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are vacancies on the Mason County Department of Public Works, and the Mason County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board due to the resignation of Scottville City Manager Amy Williams; and

WHEREAS, these positions are mandated to be filled by a representative of the City of Scottville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scottville has appointed Steve Brock as interim city manager and has indicated that he will replace Ms. Williams on various boards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints Steve Brock to the Mason County Department of Public Works for a term ending December 31, 2021, and the Mason County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this individual will be automatically removed from the Mason County Department of Public Works, and the Mason County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board if he no longer holds his position as outlined above and his position replacement would require formal approval by the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Reciprocal Retirement Act 88 of 1961 provides for the preservation and continuity of retirement system service credits for public employees who transfer their employment between units of government; and

WHEREAS, Mason County elected in 1965 to become a reciprocal unit under the provisions of this act; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached verification letter and Act 88/Other Governmental Service Credit Application related to former Commissioner Taranko.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached verification letter and Act 88/Other Governmental Service Credit Application related to former Commissioner Taranko and directs the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign them on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the Treasurer's report. In addition, Treasurer Kmetz received confirmation from the State of Michigan regarding the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) denial and that his office will be taking this process over effective October 2019. He thanked the Board for approving his request to purchase a new printer.

Clerk Kelly presented the Clerk's report and also noted that last Tuesday, 11 out of the 25 precincts in Mason County held the first election in which Proposal 3 played a significant role for both the local clerks and the County Clerk's office and the new constitutional amendments that were attached to it. She is happy to report, that with the several extra training sessions provided over the weekend prior to the election, they were

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successful and had an extremely smooth election. Almost every precinct reported same day voter registration applicants, which was one of the biggest impacts of Proposal 3. Office staff was utilized throughout the day to assist in voter registration at the local clerk's offices. Additionally, as Clerk Kelly stopped from precinct to precinct, time was spent assisting the election inspectors to reduce anxiety. Looking to the future and the upcoming March 2020 election and the addition of the remaining 14 precincts, it could be quite interesting.

Clerk Kelly passed out a notice that was in the Saturday edition of the Ludington Daily News. A copy of this notice was given to each Board member so that they are aware of the upcoming Day of Review of the Eagle School Drainage District that will be held on May 31, 2019 from 9AM-5PM. If Board members have any questions, they were instructed to contact the Drain Commissioner, Dennis Dunlap as Clerk Kelly was not notified prior to the release of this notice.

Clerk Kelly is pleased to announce that the Michigan Association of County Clerk's will be coming to Mason County for their annual conference in August of 2020. She feels honored and privileged to have all 83 counties and their representatives coming to visit Mason County.

Administrator Knizacky noted that he was in attendance at a Promise Board Authority meeting on May 13, 2019, which was held at the Lakeshore Resource Center. He was approached by staff there who noted that they were impressed by the number of people who sought services from the new Veteran's Affairs Office. Furthermore, he informed the Board that the auditors will be present next week and his office will be extremely busy getting prepared for the audit.

Also, Mason County will be hosting the July 29th 2019 West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting. Administrator Knizacky is looking for program ideas. Please see him if you have any suggestions.

There was no public comment:

There was no other business:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR