

October 2, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's 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: J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange,
C. VanderWall, M. Nichols, J. Andersen
Absent: T. Posma.

Invocation was given by Clerk Riffle. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence read.

There was no public comment.

Work Session on 2014 Budget

Chairman Lange turned the discussion of the proposed 2014 Final budget over to Administrator Knizacky. The Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee had requested and received the proposed budgets from all elected officials and department heads and then instructed Administrator Knizacky to attempt to maintain the same level of services as proposed in the 2014 Preliminary Budget and if possible to provide additional hours for the part-time assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Administrator Knizacky reported the proposed 2014 Final Budget provides funding for the same level of services as well as an increase in the hours for the part-time Prosecuting Attorney from 20 to 25 hours. (Prosecutor Spaniola had requested going from 20 to 40 hours.) The proposed Final 2014 budget totals \$11,536,000 which is less than the 2013 amended budget totaling \$12,119,000 and it was noted that was due to the 2013 fairgrounds project that totaled \$654,150. Administrator Knizacky answered questions from board members related to budget stabilization, increase to the animal control budget, the convention facilities tax, Friend of the Court and the make-up of what generates the total revenue under the line item for Rents and Leases.

Any other unfinished business

Commissioner Lenius asked if the board needed to take action on the issue of discharging purged groundwater from Straits Steel & Wire into Lincoln Lake. Administrator Knizacky confirmed that the item was on the agenda for the October 8th regular board meeting and any action taken by the County Board would be distributed to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by the deadline which is the October 9th.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned 7:20 p.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN