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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 County Clerk Jim Riffle.

Roll call was taken. Present: J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall,
M. Nichols, J. Andersen, T. Posma
Absent: None.

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

Motion C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Clerk Riffle explained that the Board Chair could be elected for either a one-year or two-year term and if a one-year term was desired as in the past, a motion needed to be passed stating the term would be for one year. Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. Lange to elect the Board Chair for a 1-year term. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle also explained that by law the election for Board Chair of the County Board was the only time Commissioners were allowed to vote by secret ballot and only if a motion was passed by the Board requesting the vote for Board Chair be taken by secret ballot. Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to allow a secret ballot for the election of the County Board Chair position. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations of the Board Chair position. C. VanderWall nominated Commissioner Lange and M. Nichols nominated Commissioner Carpenter. Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Lenius to close nominations. **Motion carried.** Ballots were cast and counted with Commissioner Lange receiving four votes and Commissioner Carpenter receiving three votes. Commissioner Lange was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2013.

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations for the Board Vice-Chair position. C. Lange nominated Commissioner Lenius and M. Nichols nominated Commissioner Carpenter. Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall to close nominations. **Motion carried.** A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Carpenter four votes - Lenius, Carpenter, Nichols, and Andersen; Lenius three votes - Lange, VanderWall, and Posma. Commissioner Carpenter was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2013. Clerk Riffle then turned the meeting over to Chairman Lange.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 regular meeting and the December 27, 2012 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange referenced the correspondence in the agenda packet from Jordan Devries, Administrator/MAEAP Technician for the Mason-Lake Conservation District.

Public Comment:

- Kay Cummings, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) District 5 Coordinator, reported the retirement of the area educator Ron Steiner and stated the process has begun to best fill the position. Coordinator Cummings also announced the upcoming Ludington Regional Fishery Workshop will be held Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Pentwater.
- Evelyn Bergaila of Riverton Township presented a letter to the Board which she read as well as other documents regarding her displeasure with the complaint resolution process for the Lake Winds Energy Park and Consumers Energy's response to her complaint regarding a "wonging" sound heard every 15 seconds.

Jordan Devries introduced himself as the new administrator for the Mason Lake Conservation District as of October 2012 and informed the County Board of upcoming events which include the tree sale at the fairgrounds April 19th and 20th and the Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for August 17, 2013. He also stated the county will be asked to contribute \$6,000 for the annual contribution for the event.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by C. VanderWall 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

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WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the 2009 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of the attached goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason needs to adopt the attached Transfer of Ownership Agreements/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Transfer of Ownership Agreements/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067 between West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and Mason County and authorizes the Board Chair to sign these documents and all related forms on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by J. Lenius 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 attached changes to the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Nichols questioned if a Committee of the Whole could be considered and it was determined the issue could be referred to the Finance, Personnel and Rules Committee. Administrator Knizacky informed the County Board that the adopted rules date should be changed to January 8, 2013.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by J. Lenius 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 2009 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of 7 R522 Motorola Minitor V Monitor/Pagers for the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason needs to adopt a Transfer of Ownership Agreement/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Transfer of Ownership Agreement/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067 between West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and Mason County and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document and all related forms on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated December 6, 2012 totaling \$178,419.77, December 20, 2012 totaling \$301,127.86, and December 27, 2012 totaling \$257,841.01; 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. VanderWall, T. Posma

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Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for January 8, 2013.

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

Friend of the Court	\$ 92,750.00
Jail Operations	\$112,275.00
Law Library	\$ 3,000.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Social Welfare Child Care	\$ 19,000.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 51,750.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the District Health Department No. 10 has proposed the attached lease with the County of Mason for the department's continued use of the space at 916 Diana Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached lease with the District Health Department No. 10 and directs the Board Chair and County Clerk to sign said lease on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the 2013 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 2013 schedule of meetings.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

JANUARY 8 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	JULY 9 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 12 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	AUGUST 13 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MARCH 12 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 10 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
APRIL 9 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	OCTOBER 8 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MAY 14 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 12 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
JUNE 11 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER 10 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
			JANUARY 14 th , 2014	TUESDAY	9:00A.M.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has met with the County Administrator and have reached an agreement for the extension of his contract to December 31, 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the extension of the contract with County Administrator Fabian Knizacky to December 31, 2015 and directs the Board Chair to sign the contract extension on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Posma informed the board that the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee had evaluated Administrator Knizacky on a list of questions based on his performance in a variety of areas and he had received approval from the committee in all areas evaluated. Commissioner Nichols questioned if the evaluations included input from department heads and the general public. Commissioner Carpenter stated that as a new commissioner he was very pleased with Administrator Knizacky's guidance and mentoring in helping him understand the process and workings of the board and the county.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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Administrator's report: Administrator Knizacky reminded the board of the Mason County Township Officer' meeting on January 17th at Riverton Township, thanked the board for the confidence shown in him by renewing his contract, and also stated the county was in the process of closing the books for 2012 which meant there would be no Treasurer or Clerk reports for this meeting.

Public comment:

- Cary Shineldecker of Riverton Township invited commissioners to provide their phone numbers to him so they could witness personally the negative impacts of the wind farm on days residents were most affected. Mr. Shineldecker also expressed concern regarding the attraction and retention of productive professional people in Mason County due to the negative impact of the wind turbines.

Any Unfinished Business: Chairman Lange stated he would communicate the committee assignments to board members by the end of the current week. Commissioner Nichols questioned if Chairman Lange would step down as a member of the Planning Commission now that he was Chairman. Chairman Lange stated he would continue to serve on the Planning Commission and felt it was important to provide input from his position on the County Board which was allowed under the law.

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

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN