

**February 12, 2013**

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 Chairman Lange.

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 C. Lange. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution recognizing the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame as a nonprofit organization. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange referenced the correspondence in the agenda packet:

- A letter to Mason County Electrical Inspector Tim Taylor from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs recommending that the building official classification be added to his registration.
- A letter from Mason-Lake Conservation District Administrator Jordan DeVries inviting Commissioners to the 71<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Mason-Lake Conservations District.

Public Comment:

- Tom Rotta of Ludington stated he did not feel the investigation of the year-old car/pedestrian accident that resulted in the death of a 14 year old boy from the Lansing area has been handled properly. Mr. Rotta questioned the reporting of the investigation by the Ludington Daily News and the investigation by the Mason County Sheriff's Department and the Mason County Prosecutor. The driver of the vehicle involved was an off-duty corrections officer of the Mason County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Lenius presented a copy of the 2013 Summary Report from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and announced that Mason County would be hosting the March meeting.

Motion by B. Carpenter 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 the attached equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason needs to approve the attached Certification of Goods Received.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Certification of Goods Received and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason has received a grant in the amount of \$175,000 with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority has amended the grant to extend the grant period to February 28, 2013.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment to Grant # MSC-2010-0760-HOA and directs Board Chair Charles Lange to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by M. Nichols 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 January 17, 2013 totaling \$413,069.13 and January 31, 2013 totaling \$217,978.31; 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) M. Nichols, C. Lange, T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, County Administrator Knizacky did not change the expense budget for the Jail Operations Fund from 2012 numbers to the 2013 numbers when preparing the 2013 Special Revenue Fund budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached correction to the Jail Operations budget.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached correction to the Jail Operations budget.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for February 12, 2013.

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

Jail Operations	\$112,175.00
Airport Operations	\$ 31,800.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Health & Life Insurance	\$390,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

At a regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners called to order by Chairman Lange on February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner Nichols and supported by Commissioner VanderWall that the request from the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame of Ludington, County of Mason, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Lenius, Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen and Posma. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

I, Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Mason County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk  
304 E. Ludington Avenue  
Ludington, MI 49431

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason has authorized the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee to seek bids for a tuck pointing project at the Mason County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the attached bid from Kent Companies.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the bid from Kent Companies; funds to come from the performance bond (\$110,400.00) and the Courthouse Preservation Fund (\$37,350.00); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the Board Chair Charles Lange to sign all necessary documents.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason has been partnering with the Western Michigan Fair Association in a project to develop the Mason County Fairgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason has secured a \$320,000 DNR Grant for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan is offering an amendment to the project to provide additional time to complete the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the County Board of Commissioners approve the attached amendment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment and further directs the Board Chair to sign said amendment on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Tax Commission changed the tax multiplier tables related to wind development resulting in a 27% decrease in the tax revenues to local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, five counties have formed a coalition of local units of governments to explore the effects personal property tax legislation proposals may have on taxes from wind developments and signed an interlocal agreement to share legal costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason has advocated for an amendment to the agreement to include legal and appraisal support for all townships in the five counties in the coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, the coalition is supportive of this amendment and is requesting that counties contribute funds towards ancillary expenses related to an appraisal study to support the coalition's assessment position.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amended interlocal agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Nichols questioned if there would be more than one appraisal due to the language in the agreement and if the county would be asking Riverton and Summit Townships to participate further financially. Administrator Knizacky stated the language in the agreement regarding the appraisal(s) was written to make it clear to coalition members there could be a need for more than one appraisal and that he had not been directed by the County Board as of this time to approach the townships regarding the funding. Commissioner Posma informed the board that the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee (Commissioners Posma, Lange and Nichols) had discussed the possibility of approaching Riverton and Summit Townships about participating in funding the appraisal costs; however, there was no recommendation from the committee currently.

Motion carried with Commissioner Nichols voting no.

(Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority provides liability, vehicle physical damage, property and crime insurance coverage to the County of Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, the county's agreement with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority expired on January 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the county has received the attached proposal that calls for a 2.58% decrease in the premium for 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of extending the agreement with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority by one year.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves extending the agreement with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority by one year and further directs the County Administrator to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Oceana County's auditors are recommending the adoption of the attached interlocal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of the agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Interlocal Agreement between Oceana and Mason Counties and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is a position on Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board with a term that ended on January 31, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Milan (Budde) Reed II has agreed to be reappointed to the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Milan (Budde) Reed II be appointed to the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending January 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there are two vacancies on the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board is recommending the appointment of Sheriff Kim Cole and Treasurer Shirley Smith to fill the vacancies.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Sheriff Kim Cole and Treasurer Shirley Smith to the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board for terms expiring on December 31, 2014.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

