

March 11, 2014

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 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 B. Carpenter. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence was read.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

West Michigan Community Mental Health System Executive Director Dr. Lisa A. Hotovy presented the fiscal year 2012/2013 Annual Report. Dr. Hotovy informed the board of the expansion of the summer program for persons with autism, the successful completion of triennial Recipient Rights Audit, the successful transition to a new Executive Director and the successful advocacy around Healthy Michigan.

District Health Department #10 Health Officer Linda VanGills presented the department's 2013 annual report and reviewed the Mason County Health Profile Summary for 2013. While Mason County is still behind several indicators in the health summary it was pointed out that the majority of those indicators showed positive progress compared to past assessments. District #10 is moving forward with requirements needed to gain National Health Accreditation. The new Medical Director for the district is Dr. Robert Graham. The District also faces new challenges related to the newly formed Prosperity Regions which has District #10 Health Department a part of 3 different Prosperity Regions.

Sheriff Cole presented his 2013 report for the Mason County Sheriff's Office which was his first year as Mason County Sheriff. Sheriff Cole thanked the County Board for the support given to the sheriff's department especially in regard to the renovation of the jail and the upgrade of equipment for the marine patrol. Sheriff Cole gave an overview of the activities of the office during the year and offered to answer any questions from the County Board.

Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman J. Lenius reminded the board of the next West Michigan Regional Shoreline Development Commission (WMRSDC) meeting is to be held March 17th at West Shore Community College. Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$111,048.30 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase two Chevrolet Tahoes and one Dodge Charger; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending the approval of these purchases from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves \$111,048.30 to purchase two Chevrolet Tahoes and one Dodge Charger; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of three vehicles recommended by the Sheriff.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

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Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter 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 2011/12 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 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 Ottawa County 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 C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole and the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of the purchase of two dry suits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of two dry suits for the Sheriff's Office; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Marine Safety Department.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall announced that William Hendrian from Hesperia is the new Home Finance Educator for Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) for the area and Commissioner VanderWall was elected Chairman of the MSUE Region 5 Extension Council. Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has a hangar lease with Mr. George Roth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roth has requested a termination of the lease due to medical reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the termination of the lease with Mr. George Roth due to medical reasons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the termination of the lease with Mr. George Roth due to medical reasons and waives the three month notice period.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

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Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Lenius 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) M. Nichols

Motion by J. Andersen 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 February 13, 2014 totaling \$151,720.48, and February 27, 2014 totaling \$231,777.53; 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) J. Andersen, C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and the County of Mason have historically worked together to provide for Emergency Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has offered a supplement payment for Fiscal Year 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement supplemental payment for FY 2012 from the State of Michigan and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

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 Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for March 11, 2014.

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

Jail Operations	\$116,000.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving	\$110,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County has an agreement with Timothy D. Hansen to provide network administration services; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board and the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached proposal to extend the network administration services agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposal to extend the network administration services agreement with Timothy D. Hansen.

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 is one vacancy on the Mason County EDC Board with a term that expires on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, members of the Mason County EDC Board also serve on the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Chris Burns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Chris Burns be appointed to the Mason County EDC Board and the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2014.

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 positions on the West Michigan Community Mental Health System Board with terms expiring on March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Eric Jefferies, Mr. Clinton McKinven-Copus, and Ms. Judy McLain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Eric Jefferies, Mr. Clinton McKinven-Copus, and Ms. Judy McLain be considered for the two positions on the West Michigan Community Mental Health System Board for terms expiring March 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for two candidates. Eric Jefferies: Lenius, Capreuter, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen, Posma. Clinton McKinven-Copus: No votes. Judy McLain: Lenius, Capreuter, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen, Posma. Positions to be filled by Eric Jefferies and Judy McLain.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the Tax Allocation Board; and

WHEREAS, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Jack Harper.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the reappointment of Mr. Jack Harper to the Tax Allocation Board.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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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 Building Authority Board with terms that expire on April 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the Mason County Building Authority Board with a term that expires on April 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there were five responses to the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Richard Gregaitis, Mr. Thomas Hooper, Mr. Wayne Mortensen, Mr. Frank Svetkovich, and Mr. Scott Ward.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Richard Gregaitis, Mr. Thomas Hooper, Mr. Wayne Mortensen, Mr. Frank Svetkovich, and Mr. Scott Ward be considered for appointment to the Mason County Building Authority Board for the two terms ending April 30, 2017 and the one term ending April 30, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for two candidates for the terms ending April 30, 2017. Richard Gregaitis: Carpenter. Thomas Hooper: Lenius, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen, Posma. Wayne Mortensen: Lenius, Lange, Posma. Frank Svetkovich: Carpenter, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen. Scott Ward: No votes. Positions to be filled by Thomas Hooper and Frank Svetkovich.

A roll call vote was then taken with Commissioners voting for one candidate from the three remaining candidates for the term ending April 30, 2015. Richard Gregaitis: No Votes. Wayne Mortensen: Lenius, Lange, VanderWall, Andersen, Posma. Scott Ward: Carpenter, Nichols. Position to be filled by Wayne Mortensen.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one position on Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board with a term ending January 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Richard Gregaitis, Mr. Willie Reed, and Mr. Scott Ward.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Richard Gregaitis, Mr. Willie Reed, and Mr. Scott Ward be considered for appointment to the one position on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending January 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one candidate. Richard Gregaitis: No votes. Willie Reed: Lenius, Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen, Posma. Clinton McKinven-Copus: No votes. Position to be filled by Willie Reed.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with a term that expires on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Thomas Hooper, Mr. Frank Svetkovich, and Mr. Scott Ward.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Thomas Hooper, Mr. Frank Svetkovich, and Mr. Scott Ward, representing industrial waste generators, be considered for the one position on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee for a term ending December 31, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one candidate. Thomas Hooper: No votes. Frank Svetkovich: No votes. Scott Ward: Lenius, Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Nichols, Andersen, Posma. Position to be filled by Scott Ward.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Treasurer Shirley Smith presented the February 2014 treasurer's report and reported that 10 of 17 units of government treasurers have settled with the office.

Clerk Jim Riffle reviewed the February 2014 Clerk's Report and answered questions.

Administrator Knizacky reported he had attended the MMRMA Board of Directors meeting and it was determined the net asset distribution will be 34.5 million which is up from 19 million given back to members the previous year. Mason County will be going out for bids on the Airport Hanger Project on March 17th.

Public comment:

- Thomas Hooper of Amber Township thanked the County Board for the reappointment to the Mason County Building Authority and also spoke in support of the Sheriff's car safety seat program and questioned the funding for the program and if private donations were made.

- Evelyn Bergaila of Riverton Township stated she was encouraged by the interest of candidates for appointments to various boards during the meeting. Ms. Bergaila gave a handout to each County Board member from the Mason County Zoning Ordinance and referred to Section 25.07 Stop Work Orders. Ms. Bergaila felt that the Lakewinds Energy Park had been found not to be in compliance in the sound study and questioned if an explanation would be offered, such as the court proceedings in Circuit Court "trumping the ordinance", being the reason that a Stop Work Order was not issued as she felt the ordinance called for a Stop Work Order.

Any Unfinished Business: None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15. a.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN