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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 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. VanderWall. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution regarding a closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No Correspondence was read.

Public Comment:

Michelle DeKuiper of Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) reported that the Mason County Small Animal Livestock Council has chosen to be part of the 4-H program again and will increase the focus on education. The Western Michigan Fair Association Board is working on new items for the fair.

Mr. Bill Bailey spoke about his concern regarding Agenda 21 and the taking away of personal property rights. Mr. Bailey stated that Agenda 21 was started by people at the United Nations and that people from outside the United States were promoting socialism and the idea that personal rights needed to be given up for the greater good for everyone. Mr. Bailey explained the timeline of Agenda 21 beginning at the national level in 1992 with Presidents Bush and Clinton, Governor Granholm creating the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council in 2003, and currently non-governmental agencies such as Williams and Works and LIAA promoting terms such as green zoning, visional growth, smart growth or resilient communities. Mr. Bailey felt the actions surrounding the promotion of Agenda 21 were in violation of the 5th and 14th Amendments of the Constitution. The basis of Agenda 21 was also in part due to "Global Warming" and convincing the public that it is needed in order to save the planet even though according to Mr. Bailey studies have shown there is no evidence of Global Warming. Mr. Bailey also felt that this fabricated crisis is designed to drive the population to the cities and take away the property rights of those living in the country. Mr. Bailey stated that as a real estate broker he has seen how the loss of personal property rights and the ability to divide and sell land has been a "taking" of land owner rights and the ability to maximize the value of property. Mr. Bailey concluded his presentation by providing copies of a document entitled "Sustainable Development" and also a "Resolution to protect Citizen's Property Rights". Mr. Bailey stated he was working with Representative McMaster and Representative Franz on House Bill 5323 in order to protect property rights for landowners of the state.

Drain Commissioner Hasenbank reviewed his annual report and answered questions.

At a regular meeting of the Mason County Board, Mason County, Michigan, held at the County seat of said County on the 13th day of May, 2014, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Commissioner Lenius, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Lange, Commissioner VanderWall, Commissioner Nichols, Commissioner Andersen, and Commissioner Posma.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner VanderWall and seconded by Commissioner Nichols.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2014 the County Board received a request from Richard G. Alway for approval to have a certain parcel released from **Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 53-54097-123167** which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act ("The Act"); and

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed this request and DETERMINED that THE RELEASE IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST and meets one or more conditions of 36111a. (1) (b) (i) of Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement is 0.14 acres in size; and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASON COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

(1) That the County Board hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement,

Commencing at the south ¼ of Section 10, T18N, R17W, thence northerly along the north-south quarterline of section 10, 208.71 feet, thence easterly a distance of 30 feet, thence southerly a distance of 208.71 feet to the south line of section 10, thence westerly along the south line of section 10, 30 feet to the point of beginning. Section 10, Amber Township, T18 N, R 17 W, Mason County Michigan. Subject to a highway right-of-way along the south side and any legal easements of record. (containing 0.14 acres more or less) and

(2) **That the County Board hereby CERTIFIES that relinquishment is in the public interest as described in 36111a. (1) (b) (i) of Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.**

(3) That the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request **and** to the Farmland Unit of the MI Dept. of Agriculture.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Commissioner Lenius, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Lange, Commissioner VanderWall, Commissioner Nichols, Commissioner Andersen, and Commissioner Posma.

NAYS: None.

State of Michigan)
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County of Mason)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk for Mason County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the County Board of said County at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of May, 2014.

Signed _____
Printed/typed: Jim Riffle , County Clerk

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Mason County Remonumentation Plan states that the County Grant Administrator must submit surveyor contracts to the Mason County Board of Commissioners for approval and authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of contracts with Nordlund & Associates, Mr. Rex Pope, Mr. Noah Penn, and Surveyor John Schulke.

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

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for May 13, 2014.

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

Jail Operations	\$116,000.00
Airport Operations	\$ 34,750.00
Equipment Replacement	\$137,800.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason-Lake Conservation District has worked cooperatively with the Conservation Districts from Manistee and Oceana Counties to develop a program for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste for the residents in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of the attached agreement for services.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Services between Mason County and Mason-Lake, Manistee and Oceana Conservation Districts and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

Community A: Victory Township

Community/Entity B: County of Mason

WHEREAS, Community A (check appropriate statement) currently participates desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. **Flood or Flooding** means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. **Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)** means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. **Floodplain** means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. **Floodplain management** means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. **Floodplain management regulations** means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
6. **Structure** means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, "the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act", Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3; and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated _____, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, to all development with Community A's political boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP; and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that the Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Mason County Building Dept. (insert position title), be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations by:

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- a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed.
2. Community A and Community/Entity B assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.
 3. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRM's by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes another provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. The Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Township of Victory

Date Passed: March 27, 2014

Officer Name: James Mazur

Title: Supervisor

Signature: /S/ James Mazur

Date: March 27, 2014

Witness Name: Barbara J. Egler

Title: Clerk

Signature: /S/ Barbara J. Egler

Date: March 27, 2014

Community/Entity B: County of Mason

Date Passed: May 13, 2014

Officer Name: Charles Lange

Title: Board Chairman

Signature: _____

Date: May 13, 2014

Witness Name: Fabian Knizacky

Title: County Administrator

Signature: _____

Date: May 13, 2014

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated April 10, 2014 totaling \$336,128.94, and April 24, 2014 totaling \$159,764.29; 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) T. Posma, J. Andersen, C. Lange

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

Community A: Summit Township

Community/Entity B: County of Mason

WHEREAS, Summit Township desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. **Flood or Flooding** means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. **Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)** means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. **Floodplain** means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. **Floodplain management** means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. **Floodplain management regulations** means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
6. **Structure** means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, "the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act", Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3; and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document, the County of Mason affirms/agrees on behalf of Summit Township to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, to all development with Summit Township's political boundaries; and

WHEREAS Summit Township and the County of Mason enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Summit Township wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP; and

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NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Summit Township and the County of Mason agree that the County of Mason's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Mason County Building Inspector, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Summit Township's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, the County of Mason shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) Appropriate portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been flood proofed.
2. Summit Township and the County of Mason assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Summit Township's compliant participation in the program.
3. Summit Township further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRM's by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Summit Township makes another provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. The County of Mason must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
2. For Summit Township to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Township of Summit

Date Passed: April 7, 2014

Officer Name: Nancy Estola

Title: Supervisor

Signature: /S/ Nancy Estola

Date: April 9, 2014

Witness Name: Mary Samuels

Title: Clerk

Signature: /S/ Mary Samuels

Date: April 7, 2014

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Community/Entity B: County of Mason

Date Passed: May 13, 2014

Officer Name: Charles Lange

Title: Board Chairman

Signature: _____

Date: May 13, 2014

Witness Name: Fabian Knizacky

Title: County Administrator

Signature: _____

Date: May 13, 2014

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has solicited bids for the construction of a new T-Hangar at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Engineer Prein & Newhof and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee are recommending the approval of the bid from Johnson Diversified Services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the bid from Johnson Diversified Services for a new T-Hangar at the Mason County Airport; funds to come from the Airport Improvement Fund, a federal grant, and a state grant.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason – Oceana 911 Board is requesting the Mason and Oceana County Boards of Commissioners approve the language of the following Ballot Proposition for the purpose of levying a millage for 911 emergency answering and dispatch service;

9-1-1 CENTRAL DISPATCH SERVICES

For 6 years, between 2014 and 2019, shall the total taxable property rate limitation in Mason County be raised by .14 mil (14 cents for each \$1,000 of valuation) exclusively to be used to finance equipment, facility and operating costs of a 911 emergency telephone answering and dispatch system within Mason County? This is a new, additional millage authorization and if levied in its entirety, would raise an estimated \$234,945 in the first calendar year after its approval. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Mason-Oceana County Central Dispatch Authority.

- Yes
- No

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mason County Board of Commissioners approves the placement on the August 5, 2014 Election date a proposal for the Mason – Oceana 911 Board providing for an increase of up to \$0.14 mills for 911 emergency answering and dispatch service in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Mason/Oceana 9-1-1 Director Hasil was in attendance and confirmed that the Oceana County Board had approved placing the issue on the ballot and that the issue would have to pass in both counties in order to levy the millage.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, May is Mental Health Month; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognizes that stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities 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 System and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, will be representing their home counties in an event titled “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” at the State Capitol on May 14, 2014 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

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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 participating in the “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” event to promote awareness of, and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason is involved in a worker’s compensation case; and

WHEREAS, the Litigation Committee is recommending a settlement in the case as proposed by the mediator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposed settlement; funds to come from the Worker’s Compensation Fund.

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, 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, 2014, marks the 10th 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 Historic Society and an induction banquet at Lincoln Hills Golf Club; and

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

WHEREAS, the 10th class of inductees includes **Melissa Thompson Gross** who ran into the Ludington High School record books for distance running while also winning a state championship in 1982 in the mile run. Gross also was an All-State honorable mention basketball player. She went on to be a co-captain of the University of Michigan cross country teams on a full scholarship while also participating in indoor and outdoor track; **Dr. Howard Hoffman** played football and ran track at Ludington High School and went on to be a standout javelin thrower for the University of Michigan. He set one national AAU javelin record, was the first University of Michigan NCAA individual champion, and qualified twice for the Olympics, but did not compete. He was inducted into Michigan’s Men’s Track Hall of Fame in 2012; **Patricia M. Jensen** oversaw one of the most dominant programs in the area, building the gymnastics program at Ludington High School into a five-time state champion, all consecutively. It also included 111 consecutive victories with 16 gymnasts named all-state and 14 earning full college scholarships; **Fabian Knizacky** nearly took race-walking into the Olympics, finishing ninth at the 1984 trials. To get there, he ran four years of cross country for Free Soil and went on to be a five-time All-American at Aquinas College. He also was the first ever All-American for indoor track at Aquinas and was elected into the Aquinas College Sports Hall of Fame in 2004; **Todd Patulski** was one of Mason County Central's top male athletes in the 1980s, from basketball to track. In track, he continued to excel at Central Michigan University as he won titles both indoors and outdoors in the Mid-American Conference and captained his team twice. Today, Patulski is an athletic director at Baylor University; **Don Stokely** dedicated his life to Ludington baseball, including making sure the diamond that bears his name is ready to play for today's Orioles. He oversaw the varsity program for 33 years, winning more than 450 games and nearly a dozen league titles. He is enshrined into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby, declare June 21, 2014 as Mason County Sports Hall of Fame Day and that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the May 13, 2014 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 2014 inductees to the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. Moved for your approval.

Charles M. Lange, Board Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement taken from the proceedings of the Mason County Board of Commissioners’ meeting of May 13, 2014.

Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Open Meetings Act provides for closed meetings in a few specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, one of the specified circumstances is to consult with the County attorney about trial or settlement strategy in pending litigation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves going into closed session to engage in trial or settlement strategy as allowed by MCLA 15.268(8)(e).

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 9:55 a.m.

(Signed) C. Lange

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to return to open session at 10:26 a.m.

Motion carried.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the tax assessments for the wind turbine project have been appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the County Administrator to hire Clark Hill PLC and a tax appraiser to assist Summit and Riverton Townships with these tax appeals: funds to come from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was held: Ayes: Commissioner Lenius, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Lange, Commissioner VanderWall, Commissioner Nichols, Commissioner Andersen, and Commissioner Posma. Nays: None.

Commissioner Nichols stated that she was personally in litigation with Consumers Energy in the event anyone felt it was a conflict of interest.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Shirley Smith reviewed the May 2014 Treasurer's report and answered questions.

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

Administrator Knizacky reported that the Annual Oakview Medical Care Facility County Commissioner luncheon would be held following the meeting at 11:00 a.m., the bids for the obstruction mitigation at the Mason County Airport would be opened on Monday, May 19th, and that Mr. Knizacky would not be in attendance for the June 10th Board meeting.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Any Unfinished Business: None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN