

January 13, 2015

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 Clerk Jim Riffle.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall,  
S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma  
Absent: None.

Invocation was given by Clerk Riffle. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by C. VanderWall 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 could be made stating the term would be for one year. Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to elect the Board Chair for a 1-year term. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle also explained that by law the election of the Board Chairman was the only time commissioners were allowed to vote by secret ballot and only if a motion was passed by the County Board requesting the vote for Chairman was taken by secret ballot. There was no motion made from the floor regarding the issue.

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations of the Board Chairman position. Commissioner VanderWall nominated Commissioner Lange. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Lange for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations for the Board Vice-Chairman position. Commissioner Posma nominated Commissioner VanderWall for Vice-Chairman of the County Board. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by C. Lange that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner VanderWall for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. **Motion carried.** Clerk Riffle turned the meeting over to Chairman Lange.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

There was no public comment:

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Safety & Courts Committee are recommending the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey White and Mr. Mark Szobozsly to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey White and Mr. Mark Szobozsly to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the attached Lease Agreement has been proposed by the District Health Department #10.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Lease Agreement between the District Health Department #10 and Mason County and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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Motion by C. Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter 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.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for January 13, 2015.

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

Friend of the Court	\$ 96,500.00
Jail Operations	\$117,000.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Social Welfare Child Care	\$ 19,000.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 52,250.00
Insurance - Liability & Property	\$ 10,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Administrator Knizacky is requesting authorization to sell two excess vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve the sale of these vehicles.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the sale of the vehicles requested by Administrator Knizacky.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Service Building has been vacant since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approved the hiring of Bob Budreau of Greenridge Realty to market the Mason County Service Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has received the attached Real Estate Agent Proposal and is recommending extending the listing contract with Mr. Budreau of Greenridge Realty to market the Mason County Service Building.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves extending the listing contract with Mr. Budreau of Greenridge Realty to market the Mason County Service Building along the attached terms and directs the Board Chair to sign the appropriate documents on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**; Section 17.70 Subsection 16.a.i. of the Mason County Zoning Ordinance requires a performance bond or letter of credit in an amount determined by the Planning Commission to be sufficient to cover the entire cost of removal of an abandoned wind energy system; and

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**WHEREAS**; the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning & Building Director Reilly are recommending a \$160,161.00 performance guarantee for the MET Tower related to the Lake Winds Energy Park Project; and

**WHEREAS**; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of this performance guarantee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a \$160,161.00 performance guarantee for the MET Tower for the Lake Winds Energy Park Project.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 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 2015 schedule of meetings.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

JANUARY 13 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	JULY 14 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 10 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	AUGUST 11 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MARCH 10 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 8 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
APRIL 14 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	OCTOBER 13 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
MAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
JUNE 9 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER 8 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
			JANUARY 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	TUESDAY	9:00A.M.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the auditing firm of Layton & Richardson, P.C., has audited the county's records for the last twelve years; and

**WHEREAS**, Layton & Richardson, P.C., has offered to extend the contract for a year.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the proposal from Layton & Richardson, P.C., for the audit of the County of Mason for the year ended 2014 and directs the Board Chair to sign said proposal.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Lenz-Balder Insurance Inc. (LBI) has served as the insurance agent for the county's Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance coverage for a number of years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve the attached Employee Benefits Consulting Services Agreement with Lenz-Balder Insurance Inc.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Employee Benefits Consulting Services Agreement with Lenz-Balder Insurance Inc. and directs the County Administrator to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Prosecuting Attorney Spaniola has reached an agreement with the City of Ludington to provide misdemeanor ordinance prosecution services; and

**WHEREAS**, Prosecuting Attorney Spaniola is requesting additional hours for his part-time assistant prosecutor to implement this agreement.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the agreement with the City of Ludington to provide misdemeanor ordinance prosecution services and the increase in the hours for the part-time assistant prosecutor from 25 hours per week to 28 hours per week effective as of January 14, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term that expired on December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Richard Andersen and Dr. Timothy Murphy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Richard Andersen and Dr. Timothy Murphy be considered for the one position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken. Andersen: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma. Murphy: no votes. Position to be filled by Andersen.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by 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 December 04, 2014 totaling \$250,611.72, December 18, 2014 totaling \$968,229.35, and December 30, 2014 totaling \$187,766.73; 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.

Commissioner Lange declared a possible conflict of interest due to the fact that his company received payment of claims.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has met with the County Administrator and have reached an agreement for his contract to December 31, 2017.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the contract with County Administrator Fabian Knizacky to December 31, 2017 and directs the Board Chair to sign the contract extension on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioners spoke in support of Administrator Knizacky and thanked him for the 21 years he has helped guide Mason County in his role as County Administrator.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has continuing disclosure requirements related to bonds that the County of Mason has issued; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal finance advisors Bendzinski & Co. has provided these services for the County in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the approval of the attached five year proposal from Bendzinski & Co.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposal to act as Dissemination Agent for the County of Mason from the firm of Bendzinski & Co.; funds to come from the Medical Care Facility Debt Service Fund and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said proposal.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall 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, 2015; 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 T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Maintenance Supervisor Enbody is recommending the purchase of a generator for the radio tower from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending purchasing the generator from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a generator for the radio tower; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and related insurance proceeds.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Administrator Knizacky thanked the County Board for their support and confidence shown in him in renewing his contract. Administrator Knizacky also reminded commissioners of the Mason County Township Officer's meeting to be held Thursday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Eden Township Hall and the Local Road meeting for the Mason County Road Commission to be held at Amber Township Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14th.

There was no public comment.

Any Unfinished Business: Chairman Lange informed Board members that he would be sending out the 2015 Board appointments and encouraged members to contact him as soon as possible if there were any issues that needed to be resolved.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

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CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN