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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. VanderWall. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution to extend the halt to all new wind turbine development in Mason County. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange read letters from Michigan 101st District House of Representative Ray Franz and Michigan Association of Counties Executive Director Timothy McGuire thanking the Mason County Board of Commissioners for their recent resolution opposing HB 5886 that would include the production of energy from a wind energy conversion system in the definition of a farm operation in the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Public Comment: Patsy Hagerman of Ludington spoke about her experience of being on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors and asked for support of her reappointment.

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Executive Director Thomas Czerwinski thanked the County Board for their support and the appointments of dedicated individuals to serve on the board of directors. Director Czerwinski reported that Mason County has seen a 30% increase in the 60-plus age of population since 2000 and the trend is expected to continue. Currently 28.3% of Mason County's population is 60 or older which is a higher concentration than the 25% that is found in Florida. He went on to say this was a trend nationally and it was a good thing as the senior population has much to offer communities in which they live. The Area Agency on Aging contributed approximately \$500,000 toward services for Senior Citizens in Mason County last year with \$175,000 going toward the Meals on Wheels program through the Mason County Central School system. Director Czerwinski concluded by applauding Mason County for their Senior Citizen Millage and the programs provided through it and stated the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan is committed to helping senior citizens in Mason County.

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are two positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. David Maclean and Mr. Jeffery Schwass.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. David Maclean and Mr. Jeffery Schwass be appointed to the two positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Probate Court Judge Nellis is recommending that the Board approve the attached proposal from MGT of America, Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc. and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one position on the Michigan State University Extension District 5 Advisory Council with a term expiring on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there was one response from the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Bill Carpenter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Bill Carpenter be appointed to fill the position on the Michigan State University District 5 Extension Advisory Council for a term that will expire December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Friend of the Court Niemeyer and Prosecutor Spaniola are recommending that the Board approve an extension to the Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached extension to the Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc. and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Road Patrol Sergeant Gene Dennert has served the citizens of the County of Mason for over twenty four (24) years; and

WHEREAS, Gene was a member of the State, Sheriffs, Chiefs, Enforcement Narcotics Team (SSCENT) for two years; and

WHEREAS, Gene served as the First Team Leader of Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) from 1994 - 2001; and

WHEREAS, Gene served as a firearms instructor for the Mason County Sheriff Department from 2002 - 2013; and

WHEREAS, Gene has received Letters of Appreciation from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the American Youth Basketball Tour for outstanding work; and

WHEREAS, Gene received a Letter of Accommodation for his actions taken on July 26, 2012 during the shooting of a Ludington Police Department officer; and

WHEREAS, Gene has maintained a level of integrity, dedication, and professionalism that has served the citizens well throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Gene has retired from the Mason County Sheriff's Office.

THEREFORE BE IT 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 thanks and gratitude for the dedication and professionalism that he has shown throughout his career, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 County Commission proceedings. Moved for your approval.

Charles 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 December 9, 2014.

Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are two vacancies on the Mason County Planning Commission with terms expiring on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were two responses to the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Steven Bieniek and Mr. Doug Robidoux.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Steven Bieniek and Mr. Doug Robidoux be appointed to the two positions on the Mason County Planning Commission for terms that expires December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one position on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Board of Directors with a term expiring on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Donna Brucato, Ms. Patsy Hagerman, and Mr. Thomas Hooper.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Donna Brucato, Ms. Patsy Hagerman, and Mr. Thomas Hooper be considered for appointment to the one position on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with commissioners voting for one candidate. Hagerman - J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, M. Nichols, J. Andersen, T. Posma; ; Hooper - zero votes; Brucato - zero votes. Position to be filled by Pasty Hagerman.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Circuit Court Judge Richard Cooper has recommended an increase for the Circuit Court contracted defense attorneys.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an increase for the Circuit Court contracted defense attorneys from a total of \$93,018 to a total of \$94,413 effective as of January 1, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mary Nichols has served the residents of Mason County for four (4) years as County Commissioner for District #7 and two (2) years for District #5; and

WHEREAS, Mary has served on the Public Safety & Courts Committee; the Finance, Personnel & Rules Committee; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee and the District Health Board; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been a strong supporter of input from township and city government having served as Riverton Township Treasurer for 24 years and continuing to attend the meetings of township and city boards in her district to report on county board activities, answer questions, and receive feedback from the various boards; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been a strong supporter of law enforcement, fire departments, and first responders throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Mary has advocated the need for a county office presence in the central area of the county and lobbied intensely to maintain the Michigan State University Extension offices in Scottville; and

WHEREAS, Mary has a keen interest in zoning issues and has diligently listened to her constituents and painstakingly researched issues so she could make an informed and educated opinion on the issues before the board; and

WHEREAS, Mary has contributed to the community in many ways by volunteering with the Scottville citywide cleanup, construction of the pirate ship for the Summit Township Playground, the Scottville Harvest Festival, the Scottville Main Street, the waterfront playground committee, and as a member of St. Mary's Church in Custer; and

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WHEREAS, Mary will be leaving her position on the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby, acknowledge Mary's years of county government service and offers her their best wishes in her future endeavors; 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 thanks and gratitude for the dedication and professionalism that she has shown throughout her career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 County Commission proceedings. Moved for your approval.

Charles 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 December 9, 2014.

Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Mason County General Public representative to the Mason County Board of Public Works is required; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. James Beal, Mr. Thomas Hooper, and Mr. Eugene Jorissen, representing Mason County General Public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. James Beal, Mr. Thomas Hooper, and Mr. Eugene Jorissen, representing Mason County General Public, be considered for appointment to the Mason County Board of Public Works for a term ending December 31, 2017.

A roll call vote was taken with commissioners voting for one candidate. Beal - C. VanderWall; Hooper - J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange M. Nichols, J. Andersen, T. Posma; ; Jorissen - zero votes. Position to be filled by Thomas Hooper.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, MCL 125.3601 (7) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006 allows a legislative body to appoint alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Kent Collins be appointed as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approved a proposal for professional services to study high humidity problems at the Mason County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending the Board of Commissioners authorize the design and going out for bids for the replacement of air conditioning units at the Mason County Jail.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of authorizes the design and going out for bids for the replacement of air conditioning units at the Mason County Jail; funds to come from the Jail Construction Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Maintenance Supervisor Enbody is recommending the replacement of the 2001 Dodge Ram Pickup used by the Maintenance Department; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending paying for the attached vehicle out of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached vehicle; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried with Commissioner Posma voting no.
(Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, District Court Judge Wadel has recommended an increase for the District Court contracted defense attorneys.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an increase for the District Court contracted defense attorneys from a total of \$42,998 to a total of \$43,643 effective as of January 1, 2015.

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 appointment of the Pere Marquette Charter Township representative to the Mason County Board of Public Works is required; and

WHEREAS, there was one response from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Paul Keson, representing Pere Marquette Charter Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Paul Keson, representing Pere Marquette Charter Township, be appointed to the Mason County Board of Public Works for a term ending December 31, 2017.

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, there is one position on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board with a term ending January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there were two responses from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Dr. Timothy Murphy and Mr. Scott Ward.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Timothy Murphy 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, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with commissioners voting for one candidate. Murphy - J. Lenius, M. Nichols; Ward - B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, J. Andersen, T. Posma. Position to be filled by Scott Ward.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Cooper has served the residents of Mason County for thirty-six (36) years as 51st Circuit Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper will complete his career as the longest serving Circuit Court Judge in the history of Mason and Lake counties including thirty-four (34) years as chief judge of the three courts; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper graduated from Central Michigan University, Indiana University, and Detroit College of Law, served for two (2) years as a part-time probate judge in Lake County, served six weeks as a visiting judge in recorder's court in the City of Detroit, owned and operated a private law practice, taught English at a British School in Milan, Italy, volunteered for Michigan State Moot Court, participated in a Rotary Fellowship to Vienna, Austria, and had an internship with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in his storied career; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper is known as a judge who believes that people have to be accountable for their actions and he participated in surveys that helped form the sentencing guidelines for the State of Michigan that resulted in more consistent and insightful sentencing throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper has contributed to the community by volunteering as member of Dr. Poposki's Great Book Discussion Group, as a clarinet player in the Scottville Clown Band, the Pentwater Band and Community Band and by organizing the local Italian Club; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper ran a very professional circuit court, working cooperatively with the Mason County Board of Commissioners to provide a high level of service while being mindful of the budget constraints of the county; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper is retiring from the 51st Circuit Court bench.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby, acknowledge with regret Judge Cooper's retirement from the 51st Circuit Court bench and offers him their best wishes in his future endeavors; 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 thanks and gratitude for the dedication and professionalism that he has shown throughout his career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 County Commission proceedings. Moved for your approval.

Charles 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 December 9, 2014.

Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, the Mason County Board of Commissioners supported a temporary halt to all new wind energy development in Mason County for one year; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2013, the Mason County Board of Commissioners supported extending the temporary halt to all new wind energy development in Mason County for one year; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the temporary halt was to give Mason County officials time to review the full impact of the wind turbines in regards to setback distances, shadow and flicker, sound, internet interferences, avian and bat kill, and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission has not completed its review of these issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason hereby supports the extension of the temporary halt to all new wind energy development in Mason County until December 31, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioners discussed the progress that had been made by the Planning Commission with the update to the zoning ordinance regarding wind power generation. Board members debated whether there was a need to extend the halt or not with some feeling the Planning Commission should have requested the continuance of a temporary halt while others felt the extension of the halt would protect the citizens and insure the improved language in the update would govern any proposed wind generation project that might come to the county as the Planning Commission finalizes the update. Commissioner Posma suggested the resolution be amended to

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limit the temporary halt being in place until the Planning Commission's update was adopted by the County Board. Commissioners Nichols and Andersen were agreeable to the amendment being added.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to add the following to the end of the resolution: "Or until the Planning Commission finishes the work on the Zoning Update regarding wind development and it has been adopted by the Mason County Board of Commissioners."

Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on the amended resolution. Ayes: B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, M. Nichols; J. Andersen, T. Posma. Nays: J. Lenius.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for December 9, 2014.

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

Landfill Post Closure Care	\$ 40,000.00
Employee Vacation & Sick Leave	\$ 15,000.00
Budget Stabilization	\$ 40,000.00
Jail Operations	\$116,000.00
Airport Operations	\$ 34,750.00
Worker's Compensation	\$ 10,000.00

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, 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) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are two positions on the Mason County Council on Aging with terms ending December 31, 2014 from District #5 and District #7; and

WHEREAS, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Bob Bailey.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Bob Bailey representing District #7 be appointed to the Mason County Council on Aging for a term expiring on December 31, 2016.

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, there is one vacancy on the Mason County EDC Board with a term that expires on December 31, 2018; and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Scott Ward be appointed to the Mason County EDC Board and the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2018.

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, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve payment of \$2,000.00 of Free Soil Senior Center's January appropriation in December.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the payment of \$2,000.00 of Free Soil Senior Center's January appropriation in December.

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 Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee feels that an increase in the compensation package for part-time employees is justified.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached part-time wage schedule for 2015.

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; 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

WHEREAS; the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning & Building Director Reilly are recommending a \$241,728.00 performance guarantee for the sub-station 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 \$241,728.00 performance guarantee for the sub-station for the Lake Winds Energy Park Project.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen 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, 2016; 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 Ms. Donna Brucato.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Donna Brucato be appointed to the Mason County EDC Board and the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2016.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (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 Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board has requested authorization to purchase the attached servers project from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Network Operation & Maintenance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending purchasing this equipment from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Network Operation & Maintenance Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached servers project; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Network Operation & Maintenance Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole is requesting funds from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase a new control panel and camera system at the Mason County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Safety & Courts Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve this request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the request to purchase a new control panel and camera system at the Mason County Jail; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

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, it is necessary to set a date for the annual Budget Amendment Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason establishes, December 30, 2014 at 7:00 PM as the date and the time for the annual Budget Amendment Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approved the establishment of the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints County Clerk Jim Riffle, Register of Deeds Diane Englebrecht, County Treasurer Shirley Smith, Drain Commissioner David Hasenbank, Sheriff Kim Cole (Alternate is Annette Howe), County Administrator Fabian Knizacky, Equalization Director Thomas Routhier, Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink, and Dee Meissner as voting members and F/LT. Jeff White, and Zoning & Building Director Mary Reilly as the Ad Hoc (non-voting members) of the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board for terms expiring on December 31, 2016.

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, Prein&Newhof has taken bids for a Runway 26 PAPI Aiming and FAA Flight project at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, Prein&Newhof and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee are recommending hiring the low bidder J. Rank Electric, Inc. for this project.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves hiring the low bidder J. Rank Electric, Inc. for this project and directs the Board Chair Charles M. Lange to sign said contract; funds to come from the Airport Improvement Fund.

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, there is one position on the Mason County District Library Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this position must be filled by a candidate who resides in the County of Mason exclusive of the City of Ludington, Hamlin Township, or Pere Marquette Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, there were two eligible responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Ivan Anthony and Mr. Thomas Hooper.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Ivan Anthony and Mr. Thomas Hooper be considered for appointment to the one position on the Mason County District Library Board that must be filled by a candidate who resides in the County of Mason exclusive of the City of Ludington, Hamlin Township, or Pere Marquette Charter Township for a term expiring on December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with commissioners voting for one candidate. Anthony - J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, J. Andersen, T. Posma; ; Hooper - M. Nichols. Position to be filled by Ivan Anthony.

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 Board of Commissioners has one representative on the Lakeshore Regional Entity Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board with a term that expires on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there was one response from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Rebecca Lange.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Rebecca Lange be appointed to fill the position on the Lakeshore Regional Entity Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Chairman Lange noted a conflict of interest due to the fact that Rebecca Lange was his daughter and abstained from voting.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated November 6, 2014 totaling \$256,606.20, and November 20, 2014 totaling \$409,360.95; 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. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff Department requires an annual review of the salary; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached 2015 salary schedule for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff's Office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2015 salary schedule for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff Office.

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, the per diem for the various boards and commissions of the County of Mason has not increased since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the following per diem policy:

Per Diem for meetings	\$45.00 half day
	\$75.00 full day

A day is any meeting relating to county business that involves a time period of more than three (3) hours. A half day is any county related meeting that involves a time period of three (3) hours or less. Limited to a maximum of \$90.00 per day.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the per diem policy, listed above, for the various boards and commissions of the County of Mason, effective January 1, 2015.

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 position on the Mason County Road Commission Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Doug Robidoux.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Doug Robidoux be considered for the one position on the Mason County Road Commission Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with commissioners voting for one candidate. Hooper - zero votes; Robidoux - J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, M. Nichols, J. Andersen, T. Posma. Position to be filled by Doug Robidoux.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Joe Lenius has served the residents of Mason County for seven (7) years as County Commissioner for District #1; and

WHEREAS, Joe has served on the Public Safety & Courts Committee; Personnel & Rules Committee; the Buildings, Planning, Drains & Airport Committee; and the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission Board; and

WHEREAS, Joe has owned and operated Nader's Lakeshore Motor Lodge in Ludington for the past 28 years and also worked for Rees Electric for the past 12 years and retired from Hastings Mutual Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, Joe's business and insurance experience has served him well on the county board allowing him to give important insight on a number of personnel, liability, and financial issues; and

WHEREAS, Joe has advocated strongly for attaining a strong financial position so that the county could maintain the services provided to our citizens and has been willing to serve wherever his skills were needed, giving unselfishly of his time and expertise; and

WHEREAS, his leadership by example has been rewarded by his fellow board members as evidenced by his election as vice chairman of the Mason County Board of Commissioners and the chairman of West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, Joe has contributed to the community in many ways by volunteering at the Ludington Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Ludington Gus Macker Board, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Simon Church in Ludington; and

WHEREAS, Joe has retired from the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby, acknowledge with regret Joe's decision to retire from the Board of Commissioners and offers him their best wishes in his future endeavors; and

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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 thanks and gratitude for the dedication and professionalism that he has shown throughout his career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the December 9, 2014 County Commission proceedings. Moved for your approval.

Charles 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 December 9, 2014.

Jim Riffle, Mason County Clerk

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

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

Administrator Knizacky updated the County Board on the new t-hangar being built at the Mason County Airport and reminded commissioners of the two vacancies (districts 2 and 5) on the Mason County Council on Aging.

Public comment: There were no public comments.

Any Unfinished Business:

The board discussed the 2015 County Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting date and it was decided that the regular meeting date of January 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. would begin with the election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board. Clerk Riffle will swear-in the County Commission members for the January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 terms of office following the December 30th annual budget amendment meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN