

October 1, 2015

The special work session meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 PM in the Commissioner's Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. Vanderwall, S. Hull, J. Anderson, T. Posma.

Absent: None.

Invocation was given by Commissioner C. VanderWall. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Administrator Knizacky read a letter received from Sherriff Cole notifying them that the S.S.C.E.N.T. Team was awarded a S.S.C.E.N.T. grant of \$71,000. This is a 24% decrease from last year.

Public Comment: Michigan State University District 5 Coordinator Mike Krauch thanked the Board for their continued support and work with regards to the 4-H program.

Work Session on 2016 Budget:

Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman Posma spoke to the Board noting that once again it was a difficult time for the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee to work towards balancing the budget due to the State mandates and the needs of the offices within the County. He then asked Administrator Knizacky to review the budget and answer any questions. Administrator Knizacky highlighted areas within the budget that would be increased: Prosecutors, Mason/Lake Soil Conservation, and Zoning. Those to be decreased include Cooperative Extension, Remonumentation, Lakeshore Regional Substance Abuse, and Contingency. Discussion from all of the Board members ensued regarding each of the topics, with particular spotlight on the Cooperative Extension budget. A request was made to send this budget to the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee to see if any other hours could be afforded to the 4-H budget.

There was no other unfinished business.

Public Comment: Mike Krauch again thanked the Board for their work and requested that the Commissioners again look within the budget to find a way to allow for at least five more hours per work to assist in the 4-H program.

The meeting was adjourned 7:34 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN