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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 Curtis VanderWall.

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 C. VanderWall. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Commissioner Posma commented on the resolution from Eaton County regarding the "Dark Stores" controversy and informed the board of the two court rulings, one that was over-turned and one that was in support of the Michigan Tax Tribunal's interpretation which reduces the tax liabilities for "big box" stores. Administrator Knizacky informed the Board that having legislation to correct this will be important for the county.

Emergency Management Coordinator Elizabeth Reimink reviewed her annual report and answered questions. Coordinator Reimink noted that while Mason County did not experience any major disasters throughout the last year, the County did experience several severe weather events and the County was prepared. She highlighted several areas the County Emergency Management's office has taken part in which included: continued school safety planning, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, the Emergency Management Performance Grant workshop, new interns, as well as several other projects.

Mason County Road Commission (MCRC) Manager Wayne Schoonover extensively reviewed the 2016 Annual Report with the Board of Commissioners. He noted that although legislation was passed in November of 2015 regarding a major transportation funding package, the change will not be effective until January 1, 2017. This will result in a potential back-log of the road maintenance for the residents of Mason County. He noted they have applied and received two grants totaling \$2.73 million for bridge rehabilitation/replacement through the Local Bridge program. The Custer Road and Darr Road bridges will be replaced/rehabilitated with these monies. MCRC continues to work towards the expansion and use of the GIS program and utilization of this technology for improvement of MCRC response to the public concerns.

Dr. Lisa Hotovy, Executive Director of West MI Community Mental Health (WCMCMH), reviewed the 2014/2015 annual report with the Board. She reviewed the accomplishments and implementations of several functions of the WCMCMH over the past year, the future goals of WCMCMH, and the financial summary for WCMCMH in detail. Additionally, she informed the Board of Commissioners of the recent closing of the Hadley Center for Psychiatric Care of Spectrum Health, Ludington and the impact this will have not only on residents of Mason County, but of all Northern Michigan residents. Several members of the Board of Commissioners expressed their concerns regarding this issue and asked what effect this will have specifically on Mason County, as there has been an increase in law enforcement transports to facilities elsewhere in the State. Additionally, Dr. Hotovy discussed the concerns she has with opiate abusers and how this type of addiction is on the rise in and around Mason County. Efforts have been made to educate and train law enforcement and other agencies on the use of the Naloxone (Narcan) in the event of an overdose, which have saved three lives recently in Mason County.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Homeland Security Grants are now being given on a regional basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason is a member of the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the 2014 Homeland Security Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of an EOtech X320 Thermal Imager; and

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason needs to approve the attached Certification of Goods Received.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Certification of Goods Received and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement for FY 2016 between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason for the fiscal year of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Public Act 280 of 1995 authorizes counties to accept payments by financial transaction devices such as credit cards, debit cards and electronic funds transfer cards; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Payment Systems (GPS) offers a service in which citizens can make payments by credit card for an additional fee that is assessed to the cardholder; and

**WHEREAS**, County Clerk Kelly has expressed an interest in entering into an agreement with GPS to offer this payment option at no cost to the county in her office; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 3 of the Act, the Treasurer has determined that this type of financial transaction device payment is acceptable subject to the internal policies and procedures that have been developed by the involved offices.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the acceptance of credit and debit card payments by the County Clerk's Office and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan has developed their 2017-2019 Multi-Year Implementation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has requested that the Mason County Board of Commissioners review and approve this Plan for the 2017-2019.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2017-2019 Multi-Year Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Register of Deeds is recommending the purchase of the attached county care agreement for the Register of Deeds office from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the approval of this purchase.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached county care agreement for the Register of Deeds office; funds to come from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, District Court Judge Pete Wadel has requested authorization to purchase seventeen scanners and various courtroom technology upgrades for the Court offices from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of seventeen scanners and various courtroom technology upgrades for the Court offices; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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**, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase six protective helmets from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of the helmet purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of six protective helmets for the Sheriff's Office; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated June 2, 2016 totaling \$149,576.82, June 16, 2016 totaling \$377,755.29, and June 30, 2016 totaling \$207,411.15; 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, B. Carpenter, T. Posma

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff is requesting \$52,970.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase and equip a Ford Explorer AWD for the Secondary Road Patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending the approval of this purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves \$52,970.00 to purchase and equip a Ford Explorer AWD for the Secondary Road Patrol; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of one vehicle recommended by the Sheriff.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Mason County Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Committee has interviewed Mr. James Wincek for this position.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. James Wincek be appointed to the position on the Mason County Planning Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, S. Hull, J. Andersen, and T. Posma. Nays: None.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, state statute requires that a member of the planning commission be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, Planning Commission members Tom Hooper and Cary Shineldecker have expressed interest in being appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the appointment of Mr. Cary Shineldecker.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Cary Shineldecker, representing the Mason County Planning Commission, be considered for the one position on the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

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

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Commission Andersen encouraged all board members to take the new on-line survey for input regarding the update of the Mason County Zoning Ordinance. This is a project that the Planning Commission has diligently been working on for the residents of Mason County.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee Chairman J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has worked with Airport Manager David Johnson and Airport Engineer Prein & Newhof to develop the attached proposed Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2017-2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the County must submit a proposal to the State of Michigan to be eligible for state and federal funding at the Mason County Airport.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposed Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2017-2027 and further directs County Administrator Fabian Knizacky and Airport Manager Dave Johnson to sign said plan.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen 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.

**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) T. Posma

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Motion by T. Posma and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for July 12, 2016.

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

Friend of the Court	\$106,000.00
Jail Operations	\$126,000.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Social Welfare	\$ 6,600.00
Social Welfare Child Care	\$ 30,000.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 57,500.00
Insurance - Liability & Property	\$ 10,250.00

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**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has evaluated the Mechanical Permit Fees and is recommending approval of the attached fee changes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Mechanical Permit Fees; effective July 12, 2016.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, American Waste has requested that Mason County amend the Mason County Solid Waste Management Plan to include Wexford County as an authorized county to accept waste generated within Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, American Waste has agreed to reimburse the county for the costs related to this plan amendment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves sending the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Solid Waste Section, Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection the attached Notice of Intent to Prepare County Solid Waste Management Amendment and further authorizes Mason County Board Chairman Curtis S. VanderWall to sign the notice on behalf of Mason County.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Treasurer Kmetz presented the June 2016 Treasurer's Report. He reported that there are 26 properties the County foreclosed on that will be sold at auction on August 18, 2016 at the Little River Casino in Manistee.

Clerk Kelly presented the June 2016 Clerk's Report. Clerk Kelly thanked the Board of Commissioners and the Treasurer for the approval of the credit and debit cards to be utilized in the Clerk's Office. Clerk Kelly also noted four upcoming training sessions for the election inspectors with regards to the August 2nd primary election.

Administrator Knizacky informed the Board of the following upcoming meetings: Township Officers Meeting on July 21st at Pere Marquette Charter Township Hall; West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting on July 25th in Lake County; and the Michigan Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division meeting on October 6th.

There was no public comment.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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CURTIS S. VANDERWALL, BOARD CHAIRMAN