

December 12, 2017

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 C. Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, G. Castonia, C. Lange, L. Squires,  
S. Hull, J. Andersen  
Absent: T. Posma

Invocation was given by W. Taranko. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion made by J. Andersen and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the agenda with the first item of order to move the Letter of Intent for Mason County Promise to the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by L. Squires to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment: Michigan State University Extension District 5 Coordinator Mike Krauch addressed the Board in support of the agreement for services between the County of Mason Board of Commissioners and the Michigan State University Extension. He thanked the Board for their continued support and also thanked Administrator Knizacky for all of his work this year.

Administrator Knizacky informed the group that he had received a phone call from Attorney's Smith & Johnson, who apologized for not being able to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather. They requested to be able to make the Opioid presentation at the December 27, 2017 Board meeting. The entire Board was in agreement and requested Administrator Knizacky to contact the firm and confirm details.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, MCL 390.1663 defines a Promise Zone "eligible entity" as a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district, in which the percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to the state average of families with children under age 18 living at or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the Michigan Department of Treasury;

**WHEREAS**, the percentage of families with children, living in Mason County, under age 18 that are living at or below the federal poverty level exceeds the state average of families with children under age 18 living at or below the federal poverty level, making it an eligible entity;

**WHEREAS**, MCL 390.1664, section 4(1) states, "If a governing body determines that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to promote access to postsecondary education, the governing body may, by resolution, declare its intention to establish a Promise Zone;"

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Board of Commissioners as a governing body, under the statute, determines that it is in the best interest of the public to promote access to postsecondary training for the graduates of schools in Mason County.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the issuance of a letter of intent to be sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury to establish a Promise Zone that shall be known as the Mason County Promise and directs County Board Chair Lange to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

This item was voted on first due to the inclement weather. Commissioner Squires noted that this was an excellent situation to help the children of Mason County and support the school systems within Mason County.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman W. Taranko and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:  
HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for December 12, 2017.

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

Landfill Post closure	\$ 40,000.00
Budget Stabilization	\$ 20,000.00
Jail Operations	\$133,000.00
Airport Improvement	\$ 10,000.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving	\$143,050.00
Worker's Compensation	\$ 10,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by G. Castonia 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 \$44,741 to a total of \$45,189 effective as of January 1, 2018.

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**; Great-West Retirement Services administrates the County of Mason’s Employee Deferred Compensation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Great-West Retirement Services is recommending the attached agreement to make available investment guidance, advisory, and discretionary managed account services to defined contribution plan participants.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement and directs Mason County Administrator Fabian Knizacky to sign the appropriate documents.

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**, there are fourteen (14) positions on the Mason County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms expiring on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there were thirteen (13) responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Larry Powers representing the general public; Ms. Julia Chambers and Ms. Mary Reilly representing Environmental Interest Groups; Mr. Todd M. Harland, Mr. Dave Hasenbank, Ms. Belinda Jabrocki, and Mr. Jim Riffle representing the Solid Waste Management Industry; Mr. Joseph Lenius representing Regional Planning; Mr. Scott Ward representing Industrial Waste Generators; Mr. John Shay representing City Government; Mr. Paul Keson representing Township Government; and Mr. Gary Castonia representing County Government.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Larry Powers representing the general public; Ms. Julia Chambers and Ms. Mary Reilly representing Environmental Interest Groups; Mr. Todd M. Harland, Mr. Dave Hasenbank, Ms. Belinda Jabrocki, and Mr. Jim Riffle representing the Solid Waste Management Industry; Mr. Joseph Lenius representing Regional Planning; Mr. Scott Ward representing Industrial Waste Generators; Mr. John Shay representing City Government; Mr. Paul Keson representing Township Government; and Mr. Gary Castonia representing County Government to the fill the vacancies on the Mason County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms expiring on December 31, 2019.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by G. Castonia 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, 2017; and

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

**WHEREAS**, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Jennifer Doggett.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ms. Jennifer Doggett be appointed to the position on the Mason County District Library Board that must be filled by a candidate who resides in the County of Mason and in Hamlin Township or Pere Marquette Charter Township for a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason participates in the SSCENT cooperative task force; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has proposed the attached grant that will reimburse the County for a portion of the cost of the SSCENT officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee and Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole is recommending approval of the attached grant.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached SSCENT Grant and directs the appropriate county officials to sign said agreement on behalf of the county.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by W. Taranko 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, 2017; 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 Mr. Peter VonDrak.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Peter VonDrak be appointed to the one position on the Mason County EDC Board and the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2023.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) desires to eliminate local turf issues, build local partnerships, enhance communications and develop a better understanding of the economic development process in the County of Mason by involving representation of local units of government that play an important economic development role in the County of Mason; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the EDC recommends the following individuals, by virtue of their positions, be reappointed to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors for the following terms:

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| Ludington City Manager John Shay              | December 31, 2023 |
| Mason County Administrator Fabian Knizacky    | December 31, 2023 |
| Pere Marquette Township Supervisor Paul Keson | December 31, 2023 |
| Scottville City Manager Amy Williams          | December 31, 2023 |

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. John Shay, Mr. Fabian Knizacky, Mr Paul Keson, and Ms. Amy Williams to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board by virtue of their positions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these individuals will be automatically removed from the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board if they no longer hold their respective positions as outlined above and their position replacement would require formal approval by the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1990's, a Citizen's Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason to examine the County's financial situation and to make recommendations for improving it; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the recommendations made was that the County Board of Commissioners should evaluate fees and charges controlled by the County Board of Commissioners at least annually and adjust them according to increased costs of providing services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves increasing the release fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00, the impound fee from \$15.00 per animal to \$25.00 per animal, the boarding fee from \$8.00 per day per animal to \$10.00 per day per animal, the euthanized fee from \$5.00 per animal to \$10.00 per animal, the cremation fee from \$20.00 per animal to \$25.00 per animal; effective January 1, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the West Michigan Community Mental Health System Board with a term that expires on March 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Todd Dancz has indicated a desire to represent the county on the Board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints Mr. Todd Dancz to the West Michigan Community Mental Health System Board for terms expiring March 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by J. Andersen 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, 2017; 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, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Before the vote, Commissioner Lange noted that Rebecca Lange was his daughter and he abstained from voting on this resolution.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Michigan State University Extension has proposed the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve it.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason and further directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends the approval of the attached Annual Permit Application for Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Annual Permit Application for Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing, effective January 1, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term that expires on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Richard Anderson.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Richard Anderson be appointed to fill the position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2020.

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 are two positions on the Mason County Planning Commission with terms expiring on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Doug Robidoux and Mr. Frank E. Redmond, Jr.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Doug Robidoux and Mr. Frank E. Redmond, Jr. be appointed to the position on the Mason County Planning Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by W. Taranko 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.

**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.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Commissioner J. Andersen was happy to report the State awarded a Skilled Trades Training Fund grant to Michigan Works! totaling \$370,829.00 for ten Mason County businesses. This grant will assist in the training of 308 employees and provide eight apprenticeship programs.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Airport Manager O'Connor is requesting additional part-time hours for the winter snow plowing season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of an additional 160 hours for the seasonal part-time employee and an additional 115 hours for the regular part-time employee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an additional 160 hours for the seasonal part-time employee and an additional 115 hours for the regular part-time employee; salary consistent with the part-time position salary schedule.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Squires asked where the funding was coming from to increase these hours. Administrator Knizacky noted that previously this was contracted work, now it is employee based. Funding will be offset by revenue from fuel sales and other commodities offered.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation desires that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoint a Remonumentation Peer Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the appointment of Mr. James Nordlund, Surveyor Rex Pope, Mr. Dennis Dunlap and Mr. Sam Barnett to the Remonumentation Peer Group and Pat Johnson as alternate.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. James Nordlund, Surveyor Rex Pope, Mr. Dennis Dunlap and Mr. Sam Barnett to the Remonumentation Peer Group and Pat Johnson as alternate and further directs the Board Chair to sign the related contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull 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**, the Pere Marquette Charter Township Board is recommending the appointment of Mr. Paul Keson to the Board.

**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, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there are two positions on the Mason County Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2017; and

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. David Maclean and Mr. Jeffrey Schwass be appointed to the two positions on the Mason County Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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The following resolutions were introduced by Chairman Lange due to Commissioner Posma's absence.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated November 2, 2017 totaling \$233,293.14, November 16, 2017 totaling \$681,296.18, and November 30, 2017 totaling \$224,158.03; 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, W. Taranko, C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Circuit Court Judge Susan Sniegowski 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 \$96,787 to a total of \$97,755 effective as of January 1, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by S. Hull 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 and Surveyor Rex Pope.

**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. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by W. Taranko 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 expires on January 1, 2018; 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) C. Lange

The following resolutions were introduced by Vice Chair Andersen due to Commissioner Posma's absence.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation has offered a contract to reimburse the county for the design of documents for the removal of obstructions to Runways 8 & 19 at the Mason County Airport; and

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**WHEREAS**, under this contract the County of Mason will receive grants from the federal and state governments totaling \$14,250.00 out of a total project cost of \$15,000.00.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves Contract No. 2018-0149 for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project to reimburse the county for the design of documents for the removal of obstructions to Runways 8 & 19 at the Mason County Airport and directs the Board Chair Charles M. Lange to sign said contract; local share funds of \$750.00 to come from the Airport Improvement Fund #481.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one position on the Mason County Board of Public Works with a term expiring on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there were two responses, to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Robert Allard, Jr. and Mr. Thomas Hooper.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Robert Allard, Jr. and Mr. Thomas Hooper be considered for the one position on the Mason County Board of Public Works for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one candidate. Allard: Taranko, Lange, Hull, and Andersen. Hooper: Castonia and Squires. Absent: Posma. Position to be filled by Robert Allard, Jr.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on December 31, 2017; 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, 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Chairman C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko 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 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM as the date and the time for the annual Budget Amendment Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has restructured the substance abuse coordinating agency functions around the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Lakeshore Regional Entity serves that role for Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, an intergovernmental agreement is necessary between Lakeshore Regional Entity and Mason County.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached intergovernmental agreement between Lakeshore Regional Entity and Mason County and directs County Board Chair Lange to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange



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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment related to the reimbursement of overtime expenses.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there are four positions on the Mason County Council on Aging with terms ending December 31, 2017 from District #1, District #3, District #4, and District #6; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #1 from Mr. John Beckett; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #3 from Ms. Beth Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #4 from Ms. Lisa Mckinnon.

**WHEREAS**, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #6 from Mr. H. Andrew Kaatz.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. John Beckett representing District #1, Ms. Beth Smith representing District #3, Ms. Lisa Mckinnon representing District #4 and Mr. H. Andrew Kaatz representing District #6 be appointed to the Mason County Council on Aging for terms expiring on December 31, 2019.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman C. Lange and seconded by J. Andersen 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, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Patsy Hagerman.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ms. Patsy Hagerman be appointed to the one position on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko 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, 2017; 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 was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Deanne Gancarz.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Deanne Gancarz be appointed 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, 2021.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Kmetz presented the November 2017 Treasurer's Report. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

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Clerk Kelly presented the November 2017 Clerk's Report. Clerk Kelly noted that all county clerks had a full day of training on the new election equipment on December 1, 2017. In addition, Clerk Kelly demonstrated the election equipment at the Scottville Senior Center December 6, 2017 to allow residents a hands-on experience. She invited the Board of Commissioners and the public in attendance to view the new equipment in the meeting room on the main floor at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

Administrator Knizacky recommended having the Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting at the January 9, 2018 scheduled meeting time to appointment a chairman. Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by L. Squires to set the date as January 9, 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Knizacky informed the board the requests for proposals were sent out for the Information Technology (I.T.) position and inquiries are being received. Additionally, the regional manager for the Michigan Indigent Defense program reviewed Mason County's policy and has sent it on to the state with her recommendation to approve.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN