

October 4, 2017

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 Lange.

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

Absent: None.

Invocation was given by S. Hull. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

There was no public comment.

Work Session on 2018 Budget:

Commissioner Taranko stated that the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee, along with Administrator Knizacky have worked together to create the proposed 2018 final budget.

Chairman Lange turned the floor over to Administrator Knizacky who elaborated on the proposed 2018 final budget in great detail. No questions regarding the proposed 2018 final budget were asked of Administrator Knizacky. He noted that the 2018 budget will be balanced and is set at \$13,313,000.00, which is a 2% increase over the 2017 budget. This increase accommodates the increase in pensions and the county will be able to fund the pension contribution 100% for 2018.

Commissioner Taranko thanked Administrator Knizacky for all his hard work. Administrator Knizacky stated that it was not he alone, but also the elected officials, department heads, and employees all working together to make a balanced budget.

Commissioner Posma wished to express that Mason County needed to be extremely diligent as the contingency fund for the 2018 calendar year was at \$29,000.00, and that was not much funding to work with in the event that there were unanticipated expenses.

Other unfinished business: Administrator Knizacky informed the Board of Commissioners that there are still vacancies on several committees for 2018. He encouraged the Commissioners to reach out and see if they could fill the seats from personal contact. The following committees have open vacancies:

- Economic Development/Brownfield Development Authority
- Michigan State University Extension District 5 Advisory Council
- Council on Aging - Commissioner District 2
- Hospital Finance Authority
- Solid Waste Planning Committee

Commissioner Squires is a current member on the Hospital Finance Authority questioned why there was an open seat. Administrator Knizacky informed him that Mr. Willie Reed did not respond to the letters sent to him.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned 7:15 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN