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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 C. Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: W. Taranko, G. Castonia, C. Lange, L. Squires,
S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma
Absent: None.

Invocation was given by L. Squires. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Lange read a letter inviting the Mason County Board of Commissioners to Customer Appreciation Day at the Manistee County Landfill by Republic Services on September 28, 2017 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. and encouraged all board members to attend.

Public comment:

- Alan Wernette of Ludington, introduced himself as one of the Board of Canvassers nominees. He noted a history of having worked as an election inspector for the City of Norton Shores. He was a City Council Member for three years for the City of Eaton Rapids. Currently employed at the Ludington State Park.
- Jason Wolven, of Ludington, introduced himself as one of the Board of Canvassers nominees. He noted he was born and raised in Mason County and currently a member of the Democratic Party.

Mason County Economic Development Coordinator for the Growth Alliance Spence Riggs did not present to the meeting to review his annual report.

Dani McGarry introduced herself as the new manager of the Mason-Lake Conservation District. She highlighted the Conservation District's 2017 Calendar of Events noting this is the 76th Anniversary for the Conservation District; this year's annual Household Hazardous Waste brought in 13,000 pounds of waste and between the three counties 51,000 pounds was collected.

Administrator Knizacky asked the status of the Amber Township Chinnery Log Rollway erosion project. Ms. McGarry stated that they have just received the final design and will be putting out Request for Proposals on Monday with contractors and hope to begin this project late fall or early next summer. Permits still need to be obtained for this project.

Pennies from Heaven Foundation Executive Director Monica Schuyler introduced herself and also introduced Jamie Healey, Habit For Humanity representative. The Pennies from Heaven Neighbor to Neighbor Program and the Habitat for Humanity's Revitalization Program have selected the Village of Fountain to help homeowners get caught up on repairs to their homes, increase the efficiency, value, and pride in their homes. Previous projects included two homes in City of Ludington and one in the City of Scottville. Their ultimate goal is to reach out to homeowners in each township and raise awareness of this program. The Habitat for Humanity has also launched Financial Educational classes for local homeowners to assist in managing of the household finances. They are reaching out to the community at this time trying to make individuals aware of the work being done in the community, asking for volunteers, financial donations, and assisting your neighbors to build a better Mason County.

Motion was made by J. Andersen and seconded by W. Taranko to move into a public hearing on the petition for annexation by the Village of Custer. Motion carried. Lyle Reese, President of the Village of Custer, outlined the reasons as to why the Village of Custer was in favor of the petition for annexation of the parcel to the Village of Custer.

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Ron Bacon, Custer Township Supervisor, agreed with Lyle Reene’s rationale for the annexation except for the zoning issue.

James White, Reed City attorney representing Mr. Troyer, noted that Mr. Troyer went to the State and filed all the proper paperwork with the State and has proper permits. With regards to the 80 acres, 40 acres are currently in the Village of Custer and annexation would place the other 40 acres into village allowing future services such as access to sewage, services the township does not provide. Currently the property is zoned residential but has always been used as farmland. He felt this will be a positive impact for the Village and asks the board to approve.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to close the Public Hearing and go back to regular session. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, Act 2 of 1968 (State Convention Facility Development Act), may have necessitated a public hearing in order to comply with Act 5 of 1982 (Truth in Taxation).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County of Mason is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of such public hearing, and said notice be substantially in the form of the attached Exhibit A, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county district. The notice shall be published not less than six days before the public hearing and shall comply with all requirements of said Act 5 and shall post notice of said public hearing in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Acts.

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 Mason-Oceana 911 Center received the support from the citizens of the County of Mason for a millage of up to 0.14 mill; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners levy 0.14 mill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason instructs the County Clerk to certify the levy of 0.14 mill for the 2017 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

WHEREAS, Oakview Medical Care Facility received the support from the citizens of the County of Mason for millage of up to 0.9715 mill; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board has the responsibility for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason requires notification each year of the amount of millage needed to be levied for the continued operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board has indicated a need for the 0.9715 mill to be levied.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board requests the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason to levy 0.9715 mill for 2017 for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility and the County Clerk to certify the same.

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, the Mason County Council on Aging has recommended fiscal year 2018 funding allocations of \$205,500.00 for the Scottville Senior Center, \$167,000.00 for the Ludington Senior Center, \$36,200.00 for the Tallman Lake Senior Center, \$29,600.00 for Mason County Central Schools Meal Program, \$5,000.00 for HELP, Inc., and \$26,700.00 for the Free Soil Senior Center; and

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WHEREAS, the Mason County Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the approval of this recommendation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the fiscal year 2018 funding allocations as recommended by the Mason County Council on Aging.

Moved for your approval.

J. Andersen thanked the members of the Council on Aging for their dedication and work performance. This year had been the best budget process for collaboration of services that are provided for the seniors in the community.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set the date for the annual Budget Work Session Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason establishes, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM, as the date and the time for the annual Budget Work Session Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Jail received the support from the citizens of the County of Mason for a millage of up to 0.58 mill; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners levy 0.58 mill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason instructs the County Clerk to certify the levy of 0.58 mill for the 2017 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by J. Andersen 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 2017 between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason for the fiscal year of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Airport Manager O'Connor and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee are recommending the attached subscription service agreement to facilitate the installation of a self serve terminal at the Mason County Airport.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached subscription service agreement with QT POD, LLC and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

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, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recognizes the need for fuel purchase credits to offset landing fees for the Mason County Airport; and

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WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends the following fuel purchase credits to offset landing fees based on gross weight (GW):

Twin engine Turboprop	90 gallons or more
Jet under 14,000 lbs	120 gallons or more
Jet over 14,000 lbs under 22,000 lbs	240 gallons or more
Jet over 22,000 lbs under 55,000 lbs	360 gallons or more
Jet over 55,000 lbs	480 gallons or more

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the fuel purchase credits to offset landing fees, listed above, for the Mason County Airport.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped youth in Mason County to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Mason County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mason County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 1–7 2017 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Mason County and encourages all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of Commissioners approved providing a courtesy vehicle at the Mason County Airport for a trial period of one year and authorized the transfer of the courthouse van to the airport for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the approval was contingent on the establishment of a policy to govern the use of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the attached written Courtesy Vehicle Use Policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached written Courtesy Vehicle Use Policy effective September 12, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Squires wished to know if there had been discussion by the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee on the impact the local rental companies may have on their revenue by placing a vehicle at the airport for use. Administrator Knizacky stated that this was indeed discussed and due to the restricted time constraint placed on the vehicle for use by patrons of the airport, rentals would not be impacted. Commissioner Squires thanked the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee for being mindful of small businesses in Mason County.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by T. Posma 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; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee has evaluated the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Building Permit Fees and is recommending approval of the attached Permit Fees Schedule.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Permit Fees Schedule; effective November 1, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Squires asked when the last time there was an increase in these fees. He was informed it was in 2012 which would make this an increase of 20%. Administrator Knizacky noted that the increase in fees will cover the costs per law and not be subsidized by taxpayers. Fees generated from the increase will stay in the fund to offset expenses.

Commissioner Andersen noted that the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee looked at surrounding counties and noted that even with this 20% increase, Mason County is still lower than other counties, and that it was prudent to make the increase to offset the expenses incurred.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Zoning and Building Director Reilly and the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending a \$75.00 fee for the completion of Zoning Compliance letters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a \$75.00 fee for the completion of Zoning Compliance letters; effective November 1, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

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

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

Jail Operations	\$133,000.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 19,050.00
Public Improvement	\$398,442.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, state planning statutes call for the establishment of a five year capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached five year capital improvement program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached five year capital improvement program.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Posma wished to make clear that the five year capital improvement plan is required by the State and that the implementation of any project in the plan would be contingent upon funds being available at the time.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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Motion by T. Posma and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Airport Manager O'Connor is requesting authorization to purchase various equipment for the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of these purchases from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of various equipment for the airport; 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 S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending a levy of 0.003 mill for 2017 for the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason requests the levy of 0.003 mill for 2017 for the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission and authorizes the County Clerk to certify the same.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma 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 August 10, 2017 totaling \$311,229.32, and August 24, 2017 totaling \$197,217.25; 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 C. Lange and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Cathy Hudy has served the citizens of Mason County for over 15 years as the Mason County Probate Register; and

WHEREAS, Cathy brought nearly 30 years of secretarial and legal experience to her position in the Probate Court and has now served the citizens of Mason County for 45 years in the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has been the face of the Probate Court as the individual who staffed the front window always greeting the public, fellow employees, and attorneys with a warm smile and caring disposition; and

WHEREAS, Cathy was an excellent representative of the Probate Office and had the talent and ability to work with people who came to the Court for assistance in times of turmoil and chaos for their families; and

WHEREAS, as Probate Register, Cathy has been instrumental in processing and organizing estate matters, guardianships for minors and adults, and mental health cases; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has been a long time member of the Michigan Probate & Juvenile Registers Association (MPJRA); and

WHEREAS, Cathy has been dedicated to excellence in her work, displaying consideration and courtesy in working with the public, and cooperation and friendship with her fellow employees, court staff, and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Cathy is retiring from her position in the Mason County Probate Court.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby, acknowledge with regret Cathy's decision to retire from her position in the Mason County Probate Office 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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the September 12, 2017 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 September 12, 2017.

Cheryl Kelly, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, MCL 168.24c of Michigan Election Law requires the County Board of Commissioners to fill two vacancies on the Board of County Canvassers by electing a Democratic member and a Republican member from names submitted by the County Political Party Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic County Political Party Committee has submitted Mrs. Mary Ann Hagemeyer, Mr. Alan Wernette, and Mr. Jason Wolven; and

WHEREAS, the Republican County Political Party Committee has submitted Mrs. Lyla McCelland, Mr. James Bachelder, and Mr. Rodney Merrill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Mary Ann Hagemeyer, Mr. Alan Wernette, and Mr. Jason Wolven be considered for the Democratic member of the Board of County Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mrs. Lyla McCelland, Mr. James Bachelder, and Mr. Rodney Merrill be considered for the Republican member of the Board of County Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2021.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one Republican candidate and one Democratic candidate.

Democratic candidates: Hagemeyer: Squires. Wernette: Taranko, Castonia, Lange, Hull, and Andersen. Woven: Posma. Democratic position to be filled by Mr. Alan Wernette.

Republican candidates: McCelland: Taranko, Castonia, Lange, Squires, Hull, and Andersen, Bachelder: Posma. Merrill: No votes. Republican position to be filled by Ms. Lyla McCelland.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Village of Custer has approved a resolution determining the desirability of annexing to the Village of Custer, Mason County, Michigan, all of the of following described lands located in the Township of Custer, to wit: E1/2 of SW 1/4 lying N. of RR EXC S 225 FT of N 300 FT of W 175 FT, SECTION 16, T18N R16W, 42.10 ACRES M/L, Parcel 003-016-012-00, address 2041 W. US-10; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6, Chapter 14, Act 3 of Public Acts of the State of Michigan (MCL 74.6) the Village of Custer has petitioned the Board of Commissioners, Mason County, Michigan to order the annexation in accordance with the resolution and the petition; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners was given by posting same in at least three of the most public places within the village and in at least three of the most public places of the territory directly affected thereby, said notice given in compliance with MCL 74.6 describing the premises proposed to taken in or out of the boundaries of such village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has held a public hearing on this petition giving due consideration of such petition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mason County Board of Commissioners does hereby order that the annexation, as proposed, be approved and that the lands above described be annexed and be incorporated within the corporate limits of the Village of Custer, Mason County, Michigan.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy hereof shall be transmitted to the clerk of the Village of Custer and to the Secretary of State, and such order shall be prima facie evidence of such change of boundaries of the Village of Custer and of the regularity of such proceedings in all courts and places.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Squires asked if any parcel has ever been annexed in Mason County. Administrator Knizacky notes that in his 23 years of service he has not encountered an annexation. Commissioner Squires wanted to know if the property could be returned to the Custer Township in the future. Administrator Knizacky stated he would have to seek legal counsel as he did not know the answer.

Commissioner Squires also inquired regarding loss of revenue for the Township. Per Administrator Knizacky, there would be no loss of revenue for the township. Additionally, Commissioner Squires asked why to annex versus a 425 plan? It was the Village of Custer’s decision to annex and Administrator Knizacky noted that a 425 plan is typically used only when annexing to a city to allow the city to get the proper share of taxes.

A Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Taranko, Castonia, Lange, Squires, Hull, Andersen, Posma. Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason was authorized by the citizens of the County of Mason, to levy a millage of up to 0.2979 mill for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of Senior Centers and Senior Citizens Programs in the County of Mason.

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners only levy 0.27 mill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason requests the County Clerk to certify the levy of 0.27 mill for the 2017 levy.

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, the collection of delinquent real property taxes and the administration of the delinquent tax revolving fund by the county treasurer under The General Property Tax, 1893 PA 206, as amended, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, is important in assuring that Mason County (the “County”) and local tax collecting units within the County actually receive taxes levied in a timely manner, that tax delinquent properties in the County are returned to productive use, and that a favorable credit rating for the County is maintained; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 386 of 2017, as passed by the Michigan Senate (“SB 386”) would undermine the process for collecting delinquent real property taxes by: (1) increasing, litigation against the county treasurer, allowing anyone to challenge a court-ordered property tax foreclosure for eight new reasons, even a person with no legal interest in the property; (2) clouding title to court-foreclosed properties, reducing sale proceeds used to reimburse local tax collecting units for unpaid property taxes and reducing delinquent tax revolving fund revenue; and (3) creating uncertainty through retroactivity and interference with a pending case before the Michigan Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, by allowing new collateral attacks on judicial foreclosure orders after the orders are final and appeal rights exhausted, SB 386 would undermine the quality of the fee simple title vested in the foreclosing governmental unit, cloud otherwise clear titles, create uncertainty, and reduce prices paid for tax-foreclosed properties at tax sales, all of which undermine the current effective tax sale and delinquent tax collection process; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, and the county treasurer of this County have indicated their opposition to the passage and enactment of SB 386; and

WHEREAS, the county treasurer has asked this Board of Commissioners to join in opposing SB 386.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 386 of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the county treasurer, State Senator Booher and State Representative VanderWall, and Governor Snyder.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Motion by Chairman C. Lange and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Clerk Kelly needs additional imprest cash to efficiently run her office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the request to increase the imprest cash account for the Mason County Clerk's office to \$150.00.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Kmetz presented the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. He noted that the BS&A contract will go live on September 15, 2017 allowing residents of Mason County to look up their parcels on-line. He is looking forward to this technology update for his office.

Clerk Kelly presented the August 2017 Clerk's Report. She wanted the Commissioners to know that the Clerk's Office has implemented the BS&A Cash Receipting program per the Treasurer's Office request and has been working on this transition. Details are still being worked out as they come up but that the process is going well allowing monies to be deposited daily instead of weekly. The new credit card system has yet to be deployed.

The new election equipment will arrive on September 22, 2017 as the vendor, Election System & Software (ES&S), wished to beat the snows of winter. All township clerks will do acceptance training at the Pere Marquette Charter Township Hall that day. Late spring - early summer of 2018 ES & S will conduct the remaining training on the new election equipment.

Administrator Knizacky informed the Board of Commissioners that the new self-service equipment at the Airport should be finished by the next meeting. Implementation of this should benefit staffing issues.

Public Comment:

- Aaron Myers, of Ludington, a 4-H Coordinator, expressed his gratitude to the Board of Commissioners for declaring October 1-7 as National 4-H week and for all the Board does for 4-H.

- Lyla McClelland, of Ludington, thanked the Commissioners for her reappointment to the Board of Canvassers and wished to express her appreciation. She noted that the transition to the new clerk, Clerk Kelly, has been a wonderful transition and she has enjoyed working with Clerk Kelly.

- Lyle Reene, President of the Village of Custer, thanked the Board of Commissioners for the approval of annexation by the Village of Custer.

- Marlin Troyer, of Custer, thanked the board for their approval of the annexation by the Village of Custer.

- Bill Hendrin, of Michigan State University Extension, thanked the Board for acknowledging 4-H week. He also thanked Pennies from Heaven and Habitat for Humanity for their work in the community in helping people save their homes.

- Alan Wernette, of Ludington, thanked the board and the county clerk for his appointment to the Board of Canvassers and is looking forward to working on the board and serving the county.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN