

June 13, 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, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, L. Squires,
S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma
Absent: None.

Invocation was given by S. Hull. 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 J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence:

- Chairman Lange read a thank-you letter received from West Michigan Community Mental Health, thanking the County for using the courthouse lawn for their first local "Walk A Mile in My Shoes" event.

- A letter was read from Mecosta County's Administrator inviting Mason County Board of Commissioners to the West Central County Alliance meeting on July 31, 2017 to be held at the Ferris State University Center.

- In addition, Chairman Lange also read a letter received from Mecosta County's Administrator, Paul Bullock. Mr. Bullock asked if Mason County would like to develop a plan cooperatively with Mecosta regarding the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Motion was made by B. Carpenter and seconded by W. Taranko to allow Administrator Knizacky to accept the collaboration with Mecosta County and also look into cross-collaboration with other counties regarding the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Motion carried.

Public comment.

- Emergency Manager Elizabeth Reimink introduced Major Kristopher Appler, an active duty U.S. Army long term education program student from the University of Georgia, Athens, who is currently interning in the Mason County Emergency Management office for the summer. Major Appler expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity they have given him to work and learn from Emergency Manager Reimink about disaster management at the local level. He feels it will be a valuable learning experience and he also appreciates the warm reception of the community.

Animal Control Officer Joe Marion presented his annual report. He noted that numbers are currently down at the shelter due to the assistance of the area animal groups, who assist with placement of animals. He noted that the Trap-and-Neuter group has been doing an excellent job with their program and that the results are being noticed within the community. Questions were asked of Animal Control Officer Marion regarding the status of the dog census. He and staff are working on that on a weekly basis. Commissioner Squires commended Animal Control Officer Marion on his job performance.

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman W. Taranko and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for June 13, 2017.

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

Jail Operations	\$133,000.00
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Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko, C. Lange, T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy, with the summer tax levies for 2005 and 2006 to be in the amount of 1/3 and 2/3, respectively, of the total County allocated tax, with the full amount of County allocated tax to be levied and collected as a summer tax levy in 2007 and thereafter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Mason County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2017, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County is directed to account for and deliver the County allocated tax collections for 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax on July 1, 2017, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Administrator to the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

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

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Commissioner Carpenter announced that he has sold his home effective June 21, 2017 and will be moving out of District 2. State law requires Commissioners to live in the district that they represent. This will leave an opening on the Board of Commissioners for his seat in District 2. Motion was made by W. Taranko and seconded by J. Anderson to authorize Administrator Knizacky to advertise for the District 2 Commissioner position. Motion carried. Administrator Knizacky reviewed the State law process noting that Commissioner Carpenter can perform his duties up until his move on June 21, 2017.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase portable radios from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending purchasing these radios from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of portable radios; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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 State of Michigan and the County of Mason have historically worked together to provide for Marine Safety Programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2017 Marine Safety Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Chairman Lange thanked Commissioner Carpenter for his service to the County and his District.

Commissioner Squires reported that Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital was recently granted Level 4 Trauma Status. He feels this will be an asset to the County.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase eight go pro cameras from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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WHEREAS, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of the purchase of eight go pro cameras from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the acceptance of a Risk Avoidance Program Grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to pay for 33% of the cost.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of eight go pro cameras for the Sheriff's Office; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Risk Avoidance Program Grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to pay for 33% of the cost.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason, State of Michigan has met all other State and Federal requirements for participation in the Federal Property Assistance Program under Public Law 94-519; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement that a resolution be adopted by the governing body specifically designating a coordinator as Surplus Property Donee and Custodian, to be responsible for the acceptance and accountability and authorized to sign for surplus property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Governing Body for the County of Mason the State of Michigan, hereby designates Jody Hartley who is the authorized coordinator as the person responsible for accepting Federal Surplus Property, with the power and full authority to sign for such surplus property.
2. The coordinator named above is to be held responsible for the accountability and will maintain the necessary records for all surplus property obtained for public purposes until relieved from accountability by State and/or Federal authorities.
3. That money is available to pay service charges for surplus property obtained.
4. That the coordinator is further hereby authorized to direct payment of service charges for surplus property to complete all transactions.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the member of said Mason County Board of Commissioners. June 13, 2017.

Charles Lange, Board Chair

Cheryl Kelly, County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has offered a grant contract to reimburse Mason County for land easement acquisition costs, closing costs, land consultant costs, and ALP & Exhibit A updates, as further defined in Contract No. 2017-0485, at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending the approval of this contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves Contract No. 2017-0485 for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project to reimburse Mason County for land easement acquisition costs, closing costs, land consultant costs, and ALP & Exhibit A updates, as further defined in Contract No. 2017-0485, at the Mason County Airport and directs the Board Chair Charles M. Lange to sign any necessary documents.

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, the State of Michigan has approved a grant to review, verify, and update SARA Title III Off-Site Plans for the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Public Safety and Courts Committee are recommending the attached agreement with Michael Richard and Tanya Lynn Lesinski on behalf of Katrina Lesinski.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the County of Mason and Michael Richard and Tanya Lynn Lesinski on behalf of Katrina Lesinski.

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, the Mason County Board of Commissioners has approved the purchase of a new mower; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending that the Board approve the sale of an old mower to John Ehler for \$700.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the sale of an old mower to John Ehler for \$700.00.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Commissioner Andersen invited everyone to the Council on Aging's upcoming open house event "Active for Life" that will be held at O.J. DeJoung Junior High June 22, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ludington Mass Transit Authority (LMTA) will provide free rides to this event for residents who live in their service area. She encourages everyone to attend this event which is open to the public and free of charge.

Motion by J. Andersen 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 an amendment to the contracts with Mr. Noah Penn and Surveyor Rex Pope.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an amendment to the contracts with Mr. Noah Penn and Surveyor Rex Pope and further directs the Board Chair to sign said contracts on their behalf.

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, 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) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County will be the vendor for fuel sales at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the attached amendment to the aviation fuel supply agreement with Avfuel Corporation.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment to the aviation fuel supply agreement with Avfuel Corporation and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

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

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated May 4, 2017 totaling \$263,375.29 and May 18, 2017 totaling \$213,405.17; 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, C. Lange, W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Aviation has given notice of its intent to terminate its supplemental services agreement with Mason County; and

WHEREAS, Mason County Airport Manager O'Connor is requesting a seasonal part-time position at the Mason County Airport to assume some of the duties previously performed under this agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a seasonal part-time position for the Mason County Airport for a total of 250 hours; salary consistent with the part-time position salary schedule.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, County Clerk Kelly is requesting authorization to purchase various election equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules 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 election equipment; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

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, pursuant to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has approved a first set of minimum standards for indigent defense services; and

WHEREAS, local funding units of trial courts need to submit compliance plans to the Commission by November 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the county needs to designate one person from the funding unit to serve as a point of contact for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of County Administrator Fabian L. Knizacky as the county's point of contact for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Treasurer Kmetz presented the May 2017 Treasurer's Report. He also presented the 2016 investment report and noted a rise in CD/Bond rates and renewals. He noted that 2017 offered more options for investment while maintaining a healthy cash flow for the County. In addition, the Tax Foreclosed Lands Summary report indicated that the sales proceeds have increased over the past three years.

Clerk Kelly presented the May 2017 Clerk's Report. She thanked the Board for approving the purchase of the new election equipment and noted that she has already attended the first round of training in Bay City. She is making arrangements with the vendor to have equipment brought into the county prior to the 2018 purchase date so that training of election inspectors and the public could take place. Additionally, she addressed the new Concealed Pistol License (CPL) legislation currently being considered at the State and noted that even if the legislation changes, Concealed Pistol Licenses will still be available in the County Clerk's office.

Administrator Knizacky reported that the recent County audit went smoothly and he will review the report at the July 11th meeting. He reminded the Commissioner's of the upcoming County Alliance meeting and asked to let him or Administrative Assistant Rita know by July 17, 2017 who was planning on attending.

Public Comment:

Ray Franz, former 101st House State Representative, announced that he has filed for the 35th Senate Seat. He gave a brief history of his background accomplishments and his reasoning's for running for this position. He thanked the community for their previous support and asked for continued support as he moved forward.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN