

July 9, 2019

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 Chairwoman J. Andersen

Roll call was taken. Present: N. Krieger, G. Castonia, C. Lange, L. Squires,
S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon
Absent: NONE

Invocation was given by G. Castonia. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment: None

Emergency Manager Liz Reimink presented her yearly report. Highlights included the installation of the emergency mass notification system, CODE RED in January 2019. Funding for this was provided for by Consumers Energy. The Emergency Management office continues to work with local entities in establishing and updating safety plans. Commissioner Andersen thanked Emergency Manager Reimink for all the great work she has been doing for Mason County. Emergency Manager Reimink left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Lisa Hotovy Williams presented the FY 2017/2018 West Michigan Community Mental Health Annual report. She highlighted the accomplishments and reviewed with the Commissioners the goals for the upcoming year. Commissioner Krieger asked several questions regarding the PIH- (Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan -Medicaid), which is now switching to Beacon services in an effort to resolve issues around funding. Commissioner Squires wondered if legalization of marijuana had any effect on the services provided at CMH? Dr. Williams noted that it was too early to tell due to other substance abuse needs and issues.

Motion by N.Krieger and seconded by C. Lange to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) required communities to have local hazard mitigation plans in place or in the process of being prepared by November 1, 2003 in order to be eligible for FEMA grants for hazard mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason worked with the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission to prepare an approved plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has been notified that the approved plan needs to be updated; and

WHEREAS, emergency service directors of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, and Oceana counties met with the Regional Commission to explore a joint cooperative planning process by the Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, it was the unanimous consensus of the four county emergency service directors and/or county administrators that the counties proceed in preparing these plans through a cooperative planning process led by the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason authorizes the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission to apply for FEMA grant funding to prepare the local hazard mitigation plans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason agrees to participate in the preparation of an update to the hazard mitigation plan for the County of Mason and designates the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the planning agency responsible for the preparation of the update with oversight provided by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Homeland Security Division and designates up to \$20,196 as the county's match to the grant.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Commissioner Squires wondered if anyone knew why Muskegon changed and is no longer wishing to be a member of the WMSRDC program. Administrator Knizacky noted that Erin Kuhn Of MWRSRDC notified him that Muskegon County was not going to participate and that their non-participation would not in any way effect any costs to Mason County.

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull 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 had designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the 2016 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of 2 Breach FLIR devices; and

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) G. Castonia

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman C. Lange and seconded by L. Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has awarded a grant to Mason County for Homeland Security planning; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment related to this grant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment and corresponding reimbursement revenue related to a grant for the Emergency Management Grant Fund Budget.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman C. Lange and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the 2018 Audit Report has been presented

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the receipt of the 2018 Audit Report.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Commissioner Lange directed any questions regarding the 2018 Audit Report to Administrator Knizacky. Administrator Knizacky noted that the County was given an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion a County can receive. Fund balance for the County is at 22.2% and the County finished the year in good standing. The County is making good progress in funding the pension and retiree health insurance. The overall financial position of the County is excellent.

Commissioner Squires publicly thanked Administrator Knizacky and the department heads, as well as the board for all the work they do for the County.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole is recommending the replacement of a roof top unit at the Mason County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending that this unit be purchased with funds from the Public Improvement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a roof top unit at the Mason County Jail; funds to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for July 9, 2019.

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

Welfare Child Care	\$ 30,000.00
Road Patrol	\$174,000.00
Friend of the Court	\$109,750.00
Indigent Defense	\$ 38,375.00
Jail Operations	\$135,000.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 67,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 10,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Zoning & Building Director Selner is requesting the purchase of four (4) computers for the Zoning & Building Office; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains and Airport Committee is recommending purchasing these computers from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Building Department Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of four (4) computers for the Zoning & Building Office; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Building Department Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan has developed their 2020-2022 Multi-Year Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has requested that the Mason County Board of Commissioners review and approve this Plan for the years 2020-2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2020-2022 Multi-Year Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2019 the County Board received a request from Gerald Shafer, as Trustee for the Gerald E. Shafer Trust, & Bernice Shafer, as Trustee for the Bernice H. Shafer Trust, for approval to have a certain parcel released from Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 53-41094-123147 which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (“The Act”); and

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed this request and DETERMINED that AT LEAST ONE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE PARCEL WAS PRESENT PRIOR to the original execution of said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement is two acres or less in size; and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASON COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

(1) That the County Board hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement,

Being part of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 32, Town 17 North, Range 16 West, described as commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 32, thence North 87 degrees, 41'50" East, along the East-West ¼ line, 365.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 03 degrees, 25'10" East, parallel with the West line of Section 32, 260.06 feet; thence North 87 degrees, 41'50" East, parallel with the East-West ¼ line, 335.00 feet; thence North 03 degrees, 25'10" West, parallel with said West line, 260.06 feet, to the East-West ¼ line; thence South 87 degree, 41'50" West, along said ¼ line, 335.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning, Eden Township, Mason County, Michigan.

(2) That the County Board hereby certifies that at least one structure located on the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement.

(3) That the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request and to the Farmland Unit of the MI Dept. of Agriculture.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Krieger, Castonia, Lange, Squires, Hull, Andersen, and Bacon

NAYS: None

State of Michigan)
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County of Mason)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk for Mason County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the County Board of said County at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of July, 2019.

Signed: _____
Printed/typed: Cheryl Kelly, County Clerk

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

Commissioner Krieger noted that he reviewed the application and request of the Shafer's submitted by Clerk Kelly and notes that it is complete and compliant with State Statutes.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated

June 13, 2019 totaling \$237,243.73: and
June 27, 2019 totaling \$350,117.82; 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, J. Andersen, S. Hull.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Prein&Newhof, Inc. is requesting that the county approve the attached Agreement for Professional Engineering Service to provide the 2019 Airport Layout Plan Update at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of the attached agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Professional Engineering Service and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

July 9, 2019

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Kmetz also noted that the foreclosure lawsuit was dismissed by Judge Springstead and the case closed. He will continue to monitor the other lawsuits as they proceed and inform the Board of their progress.

Clerk C. Kelly presented the monthly Clerk's Report. Clerk Kelly noted that the entire Clerk's staff will be attending State Vital Record's training in Cadillac on July 10th and July 11th and that the office will be running short staffed for the next two days.

Administrator Knizacky presented the Administrator's Monthly Report. Administrator Knizacky also noted that the Promise Zone Authority just had their first audit and received an unqualified report. A budget has been established for this year and there are enough funds raised locally to support the two years necessary for the Promise Zone.

Questions were asked by Commissioner Squires regarding the budget and the board seats; which Administrator Knizacky noted to be approximately a \$200,000.00 budget. Advertisements will be sent out for candidates to apply to become a part of the Promise Authority Board.

There was no public comment:

There was no other business:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR