

The special session meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Mason County Airport Terminal.

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Andersen

Roll call was taken. Present: N. Krieger, G. Castonia, C. Lange,
S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon
Absent: L. Squires

Invocation was given by C. Lange. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of having Equalization Director Routhier to review the 2020 Equalization Report. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment: None

Equalization Director, Tom Routhier, noted that the complete report was in the board packet. He requested that the board accept the values presented as is and he will forward on to the State Tax Commission. Assessed values were up 3.8%, Taxable values were up 3.7%, and he notes the inflation rate was at 1.9%.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the 2020 Equalization Report of the County of Mason was presented at the April 30, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Equalization Report of the County of Mason for the year 2020.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason – Oceana 911 Board is requesting the Mason and Oceana County Boards of Commissioners approve the language of the following Ballot Proposition for the purpose of levying a millage for 911 emergency answering and dispatch service;

MASON COUNTY

MASON-OCEANA 911 OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously approved increase of not more than .14 mill (\$0.14 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) in the limitation on taxes that may be assessed against all taxable real and personal property in Mason County be renewed for a period of six (6) years, December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2026, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operations of Mason-Oceana 911? If levied in its entirety in the first year, this millage would raise an estimated \$283,500 for this purpose.

- Yes
- No

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mason County Board of Commissioners approves the placement on the August 4, 2020 Election date a proposal for the Mason – Oceana 911 Board providing for an increase of up to \$0.14 mills for 911 emergency answering and dispatch service in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Roll Call vote was taken: AYES: Lange, Hull, Bacon, Krieger, Castonia, Andersen
NAYES: None

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

There was no public comment:

Other unfinished business:

Administrator Knizacky noted that the West Michigan Fair Board needed approval on their promissory note. Commissioner Lange had the resolution and was asked to read the complete resolution for the entire board.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by S. Hull to approve the promissory note up to \$30,000.00 at 4% interest for the West Michigan Fair Association.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason has approved a project to build two barns on the Mason County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Western Michigan Fair Association has requested that the county advance up to \$30,000.00 additionally to complete the funding of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of a note with the Western Michigan Fair Association in an amount of up to \$30,000.00 with interest at 4%.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a note in the amount of up to \$30,000.00 with interest at 4% to the Western Michigan Fair Association; funds to come from contingency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes County Administrator to finalize the details of the note with the Western Michigan Fair Association once the amount needed is known within the parameters set above by the Board.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Chairwoman J. Andersen noted next meeting is May 12, 2020 due to Governor Whitmer's Stay at Home Order discussion of postponing meeting to May 26, 2020 to evening meeting

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by S. Hull to approve the motion to postpone the May 12, 2020 meeting and hold the meeting May 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Moved for your approval

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Chairwoman Andersen thanked Administrator Knizacky, Clerk Kelly, all the Elected Officials and the department heads for their work at this time during COVID-19. Their hard work and dedication is showing at this time as they write the playbook of a historical pandemic.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR