

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport terminal in Ludington Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 R. Bacon. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by C. Lange to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment: None

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase a SERT trailer from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of this purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason/Ocean 911 Board of Directors has added alternate positions to their board; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole is recommending the appointment of Mason County Undersheriff Derrek Wilson to represent the Mason County Sheriff as alternate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints Mason County Undersheriff Derrek Wilson to represent the Mason County Sheriff as alternate.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chair G. Castonia and seconded by C. Lange 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 2020 between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason for the fiscal year of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chair C. Lange and seconded by S. Hull 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 support.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chair C. Lange and seconded by R. Bacon 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, September 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM, as the date and the time for the annual Budget Work Session Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chair C. Lange and seconded by L. Squires 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.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Administrator Knizacky commented that there was an error on Page 4 for the 2024 Project for the Sheriff Department. Listed was one vehicle, but the correct number is two.

Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chair C. Lange 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 2020 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Commissioner Squires informed the board that there is a Medical Control meeting on September 9, 2020 at noon if they wished to attend.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Road Patrol Millage request received the support from the citizens of the County of Mason for a millage of up to 0.30 mill; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners levy 0.30 mill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason instructs the County Clerk to certify the levy of 0.30 mill for the 2020 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by R. Bacon 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 2020 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair S. Hull and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending a levy of 0.003 mill for 2020 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 2020 for the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission and authorizes the County Clerk to certify the same.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

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

August 06, 2020 totaling \$132,708.05; and
August 20, 2020 totaling \$529,621.23; 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

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair S. Hull and seconded by C. Lange to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for September 8, 2020.

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

Road Patrol	\$175,750.00
Jail Operations	\$136,405.00
Employee Vacation & Sick leave	\$ 50,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Director of Information Technology Diane Englebrecht and Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the renewal of the Mitel/Shoretel support agreement with MOSS.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached renewal of the Mitel/Shoretel support agreement with MOSS and directs the County Administrator to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

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

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has worked with Airport Manager John O'Connor and Airport Engineer Prein & Newhof to develop the attached proposed Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2021-2025; and

WHEREAS, the County must submit a proposal to the State of Michigan to be eligible for state and federal funding at the Mason County Airport.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposed Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2021-2025 and further directs County Administrator Fabian Knizacky and Airport Manager John O'Connor to present the plan to the Michigan Office of Aeronautics.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Chair Andersen noted that the entire board needed to be advised that under the new FAA guidelines, the airport was going to lose 900 feet of runway at the Mason County Airport. There are a number of options available and presented by Airport Manager J. O'Connor. Significant discussion ensued with the multiple questions from Commissioners' being answered by Airport Manager O'Connor. If the County choose the option to keep the 900 feet and maintain the runway at 5000 feet, it would cost the County approximately \$1.2 million to complete the initial project with an annual fee of \$10,000.00. Administrator Knizacky and Airport Manager O'Connor are scheduled for a meeting at the end of September with the Michigan Office of Aeronautics and will inform the Board of any new information should it arise.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan passed new legislation regarding local assessing in 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 211.10g(4), every County shall have a Designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission as of December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending that Equalization Director Anthony E. Meyaard be designated as the Mason County Designated Assessor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Interlocal Agreement executed between the County Board of Commissioners and a majority of the Assessing Districts in Mason that designates Anthony E. Meyaard and authorizes the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole is requesting the attached budget amendment related to the Road Patrol/Detective Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached budget amendment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment for the Road Patrol/Detective Budget.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County has received a grant from the State of Michigan to implement the Mason County Indigent Defense Services Compliance Plan; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements of the grant was the hiring of a Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator to oversee the Indigent Defense Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending extending the current contract with Karen Moore's firm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached contract for Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator Services and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon 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 2020 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon 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 2020 for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility and the County Clerk to certify the same.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Drain Commissioner Dunlap and the Sherman Township Board of Trustees has requested that the County provide cash flow for the \$86,000 Ross Drain District Project; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner and the Sherman Township Board of Trustees has agreed to pay the County interest at a rate of 3% a year on the County advance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves providing cash flow for the \$86,000 Ross Drain District Project at an interest rate of 3% a year; funds to come from the General Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the monthly Treasurer’s Report. The Treasurer’s Office is currently in the process of posting and serving parcels that are in forfeiture. All posting and servings expect to be completed by October 1st.

Payment extension agreements have been successful and 29 parcels have agreements. We expect these individuals will meet their deadlines. Two local units exercised their right of refusal on parcels (Pere Marquette and Fountain Village). Twelve parcels are left to go to auction on October 6th, 2020.

Clerk C. Kelly presented the monthly Clerk’s Report.

Administrator Knizacky presented the Administrator’s Monthly Report. Administrator Knizacky noted that there are several grant applications through the State. Currently, he has applied for six different COVID-19 grants. After review of the requirements, he is recommending that the County not apply for the CBDG Grant. He will be participating in a webinar for the Coronavirus Relief Local Government (CRLGG) Program to see what the County is eligible for.

There was no public comment:

There was no other business:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR