

September 30, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman J. Andersen

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

Absent: None

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

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence: None

Public comment: None

Work Session on 2020 Final Budget

Commissioner Lange thanked the department heads and Administrator Knizacky for their work on the current budget. Commissioner Lange requested that Administrator Knizacky review the proposed 2021 budget at this time.

Administrator Knizacky reviewed the 2021 budget in great detail. Noted were the following denials: Circuit Court request for salary increase for Court Administrator; part-time employee for Clerk's office, Drain Commissioner request to move part-time employee to full-time; and the Sheriff's request for increase in his overtime budget for both Road and Corrections.

Discussion ensued and the following Commissioners' asked questions of Administrator Knizacky: Castonia, Squires, Bacon, Hull and Krieger.

Chair Andersen commended the work done by Administrator Knizacky to have a balanced budget. Additionally, she thanked the Elected Officials and all department heads who assisted as well. Administrator Knizacky noted that all of the Elected Officials have been very responsible with their budgets.

The current budget as presented will maintain current services provided at this time for the County.

Chair Andersen brought forward a resolution for the Approval of Screening Services Agreement between the County and H Security & Investigations LLC. The contract was reviewed by County legal and found to be in order and is being recommended by Administrator Knizacky.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole has requested that the County find an alternate to using Sheriff's Department employees to perform screening services; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending that the County approve the attached Agreement with H Security & Investigations LLC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement with H Security & Investigations LLC and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Chair Andersen received an email from the County Growth Alliance regarding the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020 in Oceana County. After discussing, it was determined that the Commissioner's would not attend and have instructed Administrator Knizacky to inform the County Growth Alliance Committee of their decision.

Other Business:

Commissioner Castonia noted that due to the continued building on the US-10 corridor, he is concerned regarding access to driveways and the difficulties that he has noted himself. He was informed that Access Management still meets, but that the curb cut is a decision of the State.

Commissioner Squires noted that Amber Township, whom he represents, intends on providing their own zoning in the near future. He reported that a vote was taken at the last township meeting and passed 5 to 1 to do their own Zoning. He was informed by Administrator Knizacky that they will have to follow State law, develop a Master Plan, and create their own Zoning ordinance. It is anticipated that this will decrease the County's portion of legal fees associated with Amber Township should this move to fruition as the County does not make any monies for doing their Zoning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR