

August 2, 2021

The special meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport Terminal Ludington Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman J. Andersen

Roll call was taken. Present: G. Castonia, J. Hartley, S. Hull,
J. Andersen, R. Bacon, N. Krieger.

Absent: L. Squires.

Invocation was given by J. Andersen. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence: None

Public comment: Annette Quillan, Ludington, doing research on senior millage and had questions and concerns involving this millage, and how did the County determine the amount to collect from this millage?

Work session: Chair Andersen informed those in attendance that the work session was to review the requests that were provided. Item number 17-Union Negotiations, would be moved to the last item.

The following Department Heads spoke regarding their specific requests:

Clerk Kelly-need for full time CPL/Elections employee, as well as server and software for vital records on-line.

Judge Sniegowski-to request change in employee classification and increase in salary.

Sheriff Cole-request for Courthouse Security, a new storage building for equipment, increase in the amount appropriated for vehicles, increase in salary for part-time Correction's Officers and part-time Marine Officers, request for County to purchase firearms, increase budget for overtime for Road Patrol and Correction's Officers.

Judge Nellis-request to make Friend of Court referee a fulltime position and increase hours for Clerical Staff.

Administrator Knizacky for Emergency Management-shift hours from grant funding to County funding, Pension Contribution, maintaining of the 5,000 foot runway at the Mason County Airport, and the Fair Board's request to fund a sidewalk along US 10 property line at the fairgrounds.

Questions were asked of department heads as needed after their respective presentations.

At 7:23 p.m. motion was made by N. Krieger and seconded by G. Castonia to move into Closed Session for a strategy session necessary for reaching a collective bargaining agreement with the Clerk and Administrator present. Motion carried.

Twelve members of the public left the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon at 8:12 p.m. to move back into Open Session. Motion carried.

Returning members of the public included Annette Quillan, David Bossick-LDN, and Treasurer Kmetz.

Chair Andersen noted that the five bolded items on the list provided were items that the County Board had already committed to provide funding for. Instructions were given to each Commissioner to take the remaining fifteen items requested and place in order of 1 to 15, with #1 being the priority item they wished to see and sequentially numbering of most important to least important. Each Commissioner would submit their priority list to Chair Andersen on or before August 16, 2021.

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Further discussion ensued regarding the requests and Commissioners noting that they did not wish to deficit spend. Noted was the need to be responsible for the support of the citizens and also that once these tough decisions are made, to stand behind them and move on.

No decisions would be made at this board meeting, as it was a work session.

There was no public comment:

There was no other business:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR