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

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Andersen

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

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

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda with the addition of Agreement between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the County of Mason resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public Comment: Ed Miller, Custer Township, wished to commend the Board of Commissioners in the exploration of high speed internet to the whole County. He is an advocate for the rural areas, and hopes that the cost would be reasonable for those on the east side of the County.

Erin Kuhn, representative from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) passed out the 50th Anniversary Issue of the WMSRDC newsletter, as well as an Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale sheet for review.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has negotiated the attached lease extension with the State of Michigan and is recommending that the Board approve it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached lease extension with the State of Michigan and further directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL

AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Community A (NFIP community:) Amber Township Community/Entity B (enforcing agency): Mason County

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WHEREAS, Amber Township currently participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

- Flood or Flooding means:
 - A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
- Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
- Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
- Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
- Floodplain management regulations means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
- Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act", Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated August 12, 2014, Mason County affirms/agrees on behalf of Amber Township to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings to all development within Community A's political boundaries, and

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WHEREAS, Amber Township and Mason County enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Amber Township wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

- Amber Township and Mason County agree that Mason County's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Mason County Building Inspector, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Amber Township's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Mason County shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
- Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
- Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
- Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
- Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed.
 - Amber Township and Mason County assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Amber Township's compliant participation in the program.
 - Amber Township further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Amber Township makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

- Mason County must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
- For Amber Township to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Amber Township Date Passed: August 12, 2021

Officer Name: James Gallie Title: Township Supervisor

Signature: _____ Date: August 12, 2021

Witness Name: Theresa Rohde Title: Amber Township Clerk

Signature: _____ Date: August 12, 2021

Community/Entity B: Mason County Date Passed: September 14, 2021

Officer Name: Janet S. Andersen Title: Board Chairwoman

Signature: _____ Date: September 14, 2021

Witness Name: Cheryl Kelly Title: County Clerk

Signature: _____ Date: September 14, 2021

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chair G. Castonia and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, The President of the United States declared a disaster for certain areas of the State of Michigan, including the County of Mason, on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division has been designated as the Subgrantor for FEMA funds related to disaster relief funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason is being offered the attached agreement to receive FEMA funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached State of Michigan Public Assistance Grant Agreement FEMA-4494-DR-MI (COVID-19); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the Board Chair to sign this agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia.

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Commissioner Hartley reported on the 911 Board noting that the trial with Life EMS made little to no difference in dispatch times and that the 911 board *would be voting* to discontinue the trial and go back to the process that was previously in place.

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has expressed his intent to take possession of an International M1224 MaxxPro MRAP Armored vehicle from Newaygo County at no purchase cost to Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve taking possession of this vehicle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves taking possession of an International M1224 MaxxPro MRAP Armored vehicle from Newaygo County at no purchase cost to Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley

Commissioner discussion ensued. It was questioned as to whether or not the Sheriff Department had taken possession of the vehicle, as previous communications stated that the County had 6-9 months to consider. Commissioner Hartley and Sheriff Cole stated that “Yes” they had taken possession of the vehicle, as they didn’t want it to go to another County. The vehicle is currently being housed at the Mason County Road Commission in their heated building. Transparency issues were discussed as this issue did not have full Board approval prior to the Sheriff taking possession of the MRAP. Sheriff Cole stated that he would be utilizing funds from his existing budget to use towards this vehicle. Training for this vehicle would need to take place in Texas.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Squires, Hull, Bacon, Castonia, Hartley.

NAYES: Krieger, Andersen

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Public Safety & Courts Committee are recommending the appointment of Ms. Cayla Christmas and Ms. Hannah Woods to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Ms. Cayla Christmas and Ms. Hannah Woods to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

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 Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for September 14, 2021.

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

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Road Patrol | \$179,400.00 |
| Jail Operations | \$139,100.00 |
| Law Library | \$ 2,500.00 |

Moved for your approval.

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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 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, and 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 2021 levy.

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 Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending a levy of 0.003 mill for 2021 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 2021 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

WHEREAS, the following applications for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974) has been filed with the County Clerk.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Township</u> | <u>Section</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 21-2 | Jacob Zwagerman | Custer | 4 |
| 21-3 | Jacob Zwagerman | Custer | 4 |
| 21-4 | Jacob Zwagerman | Custer | 4 |

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the applications for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974), in the County of Mason.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

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 2022-2026; 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.

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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 2022-2026 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.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has provided the attached Group Benefit and Rate Renewal Summary; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending approval of this renewal summary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Group Benefit and Rate Renewal Summary and directs Mason County Administrator Fabian Knizacky to sign the appropriate documents.

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

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

August 05, 2021 totaling \$205,228.30; and
August 19, 2021 totaling \$556,731.57; 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) R. Bacon, J. Andersen, S. Hull.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Council on Aging has recommended fiscal year 2022 funding allocations of \$255,672.00 for the Scottville Senior Center, \$223,186.00 for the Ludington Senior Center, \$40,370.00 for the Tallman Lake Senior Center, \$33,000.00 for Mason County Central Schools Meal Program, \$8,000.00 for HELP, Inc., and \$34,000.00 for the Free Soil Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the approval of this recommendation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the fiscal year 2022 funding allocations as recommended by the Mason County Council on Aging.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

Commissioner Castonia questioned how each entity received funding. He was informed by Chair Andersen that each entity had to submit a budget for consideration to the Council on Aging and the funding received is not based on population. It was noted by Commissioner Krieger that he has learned a lot since

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being appointed to the Council on Aging board and that each Senior Center offers different services for their constituents.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by N. Krieger 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 2021 for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility and the County Clerk to certify the same.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by J. Hartley 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 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM, as the date and the time for the annual Budget Work Session Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull 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 the attached amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Indigent Defense Consultants, P.C.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Indigent Defense Consultants, P.C. and directs 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 J. Hartley 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; and

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WHEREAS, the Mason County Council on Aging and the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners levy 0.2979 mill.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason requests the County Clerk to certify the levy of 0.2979 mill for the 2021 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Commissioner Squires was happy to hear that the full levy was finally going to be levied for the Senior Millage.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull 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 2021 levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by N. Krieger 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) J. Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) project is to provide reliable ultra-high speed fiber internet connection availability to all Mason County residents and businesses at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has identified ultra-high speed fiber internet connection availability to all County residents and businesses as an objective which promotes economic development, quality of life, housing development, County infrastructure and otherwise furthers the major goals of the County's strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending that the County seek bids from telecommunications providers to provide reliable ultra-high speed fiber internet connection availability to all Mason County residents and businesses at a reasonable cost consistent with Act 48 of the State of Michigan of 2002, as amended (Metro Act).

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves seeking bids from telecommunications providers to provide reliable ultra-high speed fiber internet connection availability to all Mason County residents and businesses at a reasonable cost.

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, MCL 168.24c of Michigan Election Law requires the County Board of Commissioners to fill two vacancies on the Board of County Canvassers by electing a Democratic member and a Republican member from names submitted by the County Political Party Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic County Political Party Committee has submitted Ms. Adrienne Oswald, Mr. Alan Wernette and Ms. Julie Wernette; and

WHEREAS, the Republican County Political Party Committee has submitted Mr. James Bachelder, Mr. John Kreinbrink, and Ms. Lyla McClelland.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Adrienne Oswald, Mr. Alan Wernette and Ms. Julie Wernette be considered for the Democratic member of the Board of County Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. James Bachelder, Mr. John Kreinbrink, and Ms. Lyla McClelland be considered for the Republican member of the Board of County Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2025.

Moved for your consideration.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Roll Call vote for Canvass Board Members:

Krieger: Alan Wernette/McClelland
Castonia: Alan Wernette/Kreinbrink
Hartley: Julie Wernette/Kreinbrink
Squires: Alan Wernette/McClelland
Hull: Alan Wernette/McClelland
Bacon: Alan Wernette/McClelland
Andersen: Alan Wernette/McClelland

Mr. Alan Wernette will be the Democratic member of the Mason County Board of Canvassers and Ms. Lyla McClelland will be the Republican member with terms ending November 1, 2025.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason previously approved joining a federal opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, the leadership in the federal opioid litigation is recommending that Mason County vote to approve the Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Restructuring Plan; and

WHEREAS, our attorneys are recommending a vote to approve the Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a vote to approve the Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Restructuring Plan and directs the County Administrator to cast a yes vote on our behalf.

Moved for your approval.

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Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has historically entered into a contractual agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that allowed the Prosecutor to provide legal services to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually desirable to the Prosecutor and the County and to the Department to sign a new agreement for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the County of Mason and the Prosecutor.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Treasurer A. Kmetz presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Kmetz reported that the Chart of Accounts change-over occurred last week, and went smoothly. He wished to thank the Department heads and staff that reached out and were prepared with the process.

Clerk C. Kelly presented the monthly Clerk's Report. Clerk Kelly had nothing else to report.

Administrator Knizacky presented the Administrator's Monthly Report. Administrator Knizacky reported that he has received the final Blue Cross Blue Shield Rates and noted that amounts listed in the preliminary budget will not change.

Public comment:

Vicki Collins, Ludington Senior Center, thanked the Commissioners for the funding for all of the Senior centers.

Gene Kyle, Ludington, thanked the Commissioners for levying the full amount for the senior millage as approved by the voters.

Annette Quillan, Ludington, thanked the Commissioners for the senior millage as the County is getting to be an aging population.

Other unfinished business:

Administrator Knizacky was given direction to place all items requested into the budget and show the costs to the commissioners. He was directed to provide a balanced and an unbalanced budget so the Commissioners could see where the funding was unbalanced. All Commissioners were in agreement that no deficit spending could be entertained. Chair Andersen noted that the Commissioners needed to give Administrator Knizacky the flexibility to do his job and present the information to them and they will decide line by line the items to veto to get to a balanced budget.

Commissioner Castonia questioned the two no votes on the MRAP vehicle for the Sheriff Department. Chair Andersen stated that it was not that she did not want protection for the law enforcement officers, but that the manner that the MRAP was acquired prior to full board approval was not transparent and needed to be. Commissioner Krieger noted several issues as to why he voted no, including transparency, militarization of police, and that no other nearby County has this type of vehicle, and that there are less expensive options available.

Commissioner Hartley thanked Chair Andersen for her leadership in the budget process as this was new territory for him.

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With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR