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The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, M. Nichols, J. Andersen, T. Posma

Absent: None.

Invocation was given by C. VanderWall. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution in support of the Consent Decree agreement between the Lake Michigan Carferry and Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Motion carried.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange made reference to correspondence received from Tuscola County regarding shortfalls in the amount of Revenue Sharing that the State of Michigan had promised counties as part of the "roll forward agreement". The correspondence was received too late to be included in the agenda packet.

Public comments:

- Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) District 5 Coordinator Kay Cummings introduced new extension educator Michael Krauch who will be working out of the Scottville office specializing in finance and home ownership. Mr. Krauch informed the board of his background and stated he is looking forward to helping home owners who may be facing foreclosure or tax problems.

- Evelyn Bergaila of Riverton Township stated she had attended the Riverton Township Board meeting on April 1st and was concerned regarding the lack of functioning boats for the county as it was discussed by Sheriff Cole at the meeting. Ms. Bergaila also expressed concern over the lack of planning on the Mason County Road Commission's part to secure maximum state funding for the Swan Lake Bridge in Riverton Township and suggested that it might be a good idea for the County Board to take control of the Road Commission in order to gain better management in such manners.

Zoning and Building Director Mary Reilly reviewed the 2012 Building and Zoning reports. Zoning permit revenue was down and totaled \$18,725.00 while actual permits totaled 225 which were the same as 2011. The department continues to monitor the Lake Winds Energy Park and is also busy with work required in helping the Planning Commission complete the Master Plan update. Director Reilly also updated the committee on the progress of the Junk Authority and stated that at least 90% of the time the issuance of tickets works on junk clean-up. The Building Department permits were up by 4.6%, electrical permits were up 10.6%, mechanical permits were up 3.9% and plumbing permits were up 11.3% while overall revenue was slightly lower than 2011 which shows the trend is continuing for improvements to be smaller in nature. The county has two new inspectors, Tom Fulker is the new building inspector and Tom Story is the new plumbing inspector. Both inspectors are independent contractors that receive a percentage of the fees generated.

Equalization Director Tom Routhier presented the 2013 Equalization Report. The total State Equalized Value for the county is \$1,926,146,300 and the total Taxable Value is \$1,660,261,243. Riverton and Summit Townships showed the biggest increases in value with Riverton up over 200% and Summit up over 14% with the majority of the increases coming from the Lake Winds Energy Park. The overall assessed value for the county would have decreased by 1.9% without the value of the Lake Winds Energy Park. Director Routhier informed the board that Mason County will lose all personal property under \$40,000 in 2014 due to changes in the law.

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman J. Lenius and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$105,432.80 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase one 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and two Dodge Chargers; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending the approval of these purchases from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves \$105,432.80 to purchase one 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and two Dodge Chargers; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of four vehicles recommended by the Sheriff.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has offered a supplement payment for Fiscal Year 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement supplemental payment for FY 2010 from the State of Michigan and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

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Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, thunderstorms, windstorms, floods, and tornadoes are all forms of severe weather and each pose a threat to the safety and well-being of Mason County citizens; and

WHEREAS, 4 injuries and 2 deaths occurred in 2012 in Michigan as a result of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, a total of 15 flooding and flash flooding events and 6 tornadoes occurred in Michigan in 2012; and

WHEREAS, flooding, thunderstorms, and tornadoes were responsible for approximately \$210 million dollars in damages across the state in 2012, which is up from the \$150 million in damages in 2011; and

WHEREAS, each year the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (MCSWA) promotes a Severe Weather Awareness Week encouraging severe weather awareness and safety on their web site at www.mcswa.com.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County urges all county residents to educate themselves and prepare for severe weather and declares April 7 – 13, 2013 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) development grant in the amount of \$129,600.00 with a local match of \$86,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the County solicited bids for a contractor to perform the work on this project; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the low bid of \$174,870.00 submitted by Joseph A. A. Helminski Construction Company.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the low bid of \$174,870.00 submitted by Joseph A. A. Helminski Construction Company and directs the Board Chair to sign the appropriate contracts related to this project; local funds to come from the Parks Improvement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the 2013 Equalization Report of the County of Mason was presented at the April 9, 2013 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 2013.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the Mason County Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there were four responses to the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mrs. Susan Boes, Mr. Dennis Dunlap, Mr. Aldon Maleckas, and Ms. Ren Willis-Frances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Susan Boes, Mr. Dennis Dunlap, Mr. Aldon Maleckas, and Ms. Ren Willis-Frances be considered for appointment to the one position on the Mason County Planning Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one. Boes – Nichols; Dunlap – Lenius, Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Andersen and Posma; Maleckas – no votes; Willis-Frances – no votes. Position to be filled by Dennis Dunlap.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to provide Data Center hosting facilities to house essential electronic data that will enable the State Government to better serve its citizens now and for many years into the future; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan RFP includes an objective that the new Data Center facilities include plans and strategies that will result in the development of new electronic technologies economic opportunities that will help to strengthen and diversify Michigan's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Ludington area offers significant attributes that make it the ideal location to house a new Data Center based technology complex, including ideal weather that supports cooling needs, extremely low potential for natural disasters, a highly reliable power grid, access to fiber networks for data transmittal, and many other elements; and

WHEREAS, the Boji Group, in conjunction with a team that includes Hewlett Packard Corp, Consumers Energy, Jones Lang LaSalle, Albert Kahn Architects, the Christman Company, Clark Construction and other partners, is finalizing a response to the State's RFP to establish the GREAT LAKES TECHNOLOGY PARK in Pere Marquette Township, Mason County, which would include a new state-of-the-art Michigan Data Center and additional data center facilities for other clients; and

WHEREAS, the GREAT LAKES TECHNOLOGY PARK has the potential to provide an opportunity for our area to participate in the new data driven high tech economy; and

WHEREAS, the selection of the GREAT LAKES TECHNOLOGY PARK proposal for the State of Michigan data center is an essential first step that will lead to the development and implementation of this project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the GREAT LAKES TECHNOLOGY PARK proposal and recommends that the State of Michigan select this proposal to meet the needs of Michigan's citizens and to spur new technology opportunities that will strengthen and diversify Michigan's economy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Big Sable Watershed Restoration Committee is requesting authorization to place wood structures in the river on county property located on the southeast side of the US-31 Bridge over the Big Sable River; and

WHEREAS, there would be no cost to the County of Mason for this project and these structures would improve the habitat of the river; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the placement of wood structures in the river on county property located on the southeast side of the US-31 Bridge over the Big Sable River.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Act No. 357 of Public Acts of 2004 changed the county tax levy from a winter levy to a summer levy; and

WHEREAS, this change results in the county receiving it's tax revenue seven months later than it historically has received it's tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, tax revenues represent the majority of the General Fund revenue received by the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, this change from a winter levy to a summer levy will result in cash flow problems for the first seven months of the year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 357 of Public Acts of 2004, Section 9(b) authorizes counties to use funds in the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund for cash flow purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board authorize the advance of funds in the Revenue Sharing Fund to the General Fund for cash flow purposes for 2013.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the advance of funds in the Revenue Sharing Fund to the General Fund for cash flow purposes for 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the repayment of this advance when sufficient funds are received from the 2013 summer tax levy.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for April 9, 2013.

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

Friend of the Court	\$ 92,750.00
Jail Operations	\$224,350.00
Law Library	\$ 3,000.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Social Welfare - Child Care	\$ 19,200.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 51,750.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Treasurer Smith is requesting authorization to purchase two computers from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the 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 two computers for the Treasurer's office, funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board (MCCNAB) and the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached written Mason County Website Link Policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached written Mason County Website Link Policy effective April 9, 2013.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners advertised for and hired a contractor to provide lawn mowing services in 2012; and

WHEREAS, that contract included an option to extend the contract for up to five additional years; and

WHEREAS, the successful contractor Larsen's Landscaping, LLC has agreed to provide the services in 2013 with no increase; and

WHEREAS, the County has been satisfied with the services provided by Larsen's Landscaping, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends extending the contract with Larsen's Landscaping, LLC for one year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the extending and amending of the contract with Larsen's Landscaping, LLC for one year to provide grass mowing services and further directs its Chair to sign the contract on its behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Planning & Zoning Director Reilly has requested a temporary position to assist with the special land use permit for the Lake Winds Energy Park Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a temporary part-time position for the Planning & Zoning Office; salary consistent with the part-time clerical position.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried with M. Nichols abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.
(Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation desires that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoint a Remonumentation Peer Group; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the appointment of Mr. Noah Penn.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. Noah Penn to the Remonumentation Peer Group and further directs the Board Chair to sign the related contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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Motion by Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated March 14, 2013 totaling \$256,608.87, and March 28, 2013 totaling \$415,513.34; 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) T. Posma, C. Lange, M. Nichols

Motion made by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a 2014 Preliminary Budget for the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has requested and received the proposed 2014 Preliminary Budget requests from the various Department Heads of the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the proposed 2014 Preliminary Budget requests and after careful deliberations have made the necessary adjustments which allow the Committee to recommend a balanced 2014 Preliminary Budget that will meet the collective needs of the citizens served by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason adopts the attached 2014 Preliminary Budget as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma, C. Lange, M. Nichols

MASON COUNTY 2014 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
Board of Commissioners	185,504	192,435	155,450	154,000	153,000
Mich. Assoc. of Counties	-	10,873	10,875	10,875	10,875
Circuit Court	294,420	320,303	354,800	347,100	347,000
Circuit CT Appt Atty	110,228	112,217	114,700	116,100	116,000
District Court	478,418	474,791	524,050	527,875	527,275
District CT Appt Atty	48,441	47,002	51,000	53,625	51,650
Jury Commission	6,830	8,550	10,200	10,200	10,200
Probate Court	434,752	461,232	500,525	499,950	497,450
Juvenile Court	48,343	47,108	52,525	54,675	53,425
Family Counseling Service	-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Administrator	196,555	198,093	207,100	207,200	207,000
Tax Allocation Boards	420	601	1,000	1,000	1,000
Clerk	348,894	367,956	397,000	383,375	383,375
Audit	14,860	14,881	15,000	15,000	15,000
Copy Machine & Fax	11,756	11,446	17,600	17,600	17,600
Treasurer's Office	285,095	298,652	337,100	335,230	334,700
Interest Expense	985	2,693	2,000	2,000	2,000
Equalization Dept	305,314	330,646	376,200	361,775	361,775
Cooperative Extension	143,829	119,663	122,000	120,300	120,300
Election & Canvassers	28,186	95,547	39,225	104,850	104,850
County Maintenance	90,001	96,480	125,550	118,420	118,025
Prosecutor's office	467,689	515,805	532,350	593,175	548,350
Register of Deeds	190,025	190,198	224,850	208,575	208,275
Drain Commissioner	237,469	248,269	256,500	252,900	252,900
Remonumentation	30,176	31,068	32,800	33,100	33,100
Courthouse Maintenance	168,211	139,393	147,000	148,400	145,000
Service Building	5,770	2,497	7,225	6,200	6,200
Maint. – Scottville Complex	24,829	21,045	27,600	28,100	27,600
Jail Annex Building	16,916	19,561	29,000	29,900	29,000
Marine Safety - Sheriff	55,496	62,313	60,325	65,930	62,475
Sheriff Emrg. Response Team	9,080	10,538	11,500	12,550	11,500
SSCENT	59,391	78,848	90,350	96,650	92,425
Sheriff Road Patrol/Det	1,365,262	1,511,001	1,506,000	1,556,253	1,500,000
Secondary Road Patrol	133,398	141,261	147,525	156,699	152,475
Probation/Parole	5,244	6,005	8,650	8,650	8,650

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General Fund Expenditure, continued:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
Emergency Planning	73,241	79,309	77,750	78,375	78,275
Animal Control	157,469	159,973	163,875	184,925	180,350
Dept. of Public Works	27,453	30,219	37,125	31,575	31,575
Drains at Large	6,854	2,983	8,000	9,000	9,000
Health Department Building	46,261	47,586	58,000	59,850	58,000
Medical Examiner	28,810	29,731	35,000	35,000	35,000
Veteran's Burial	19,500	26,100	20,000	26,100	26,100
County Plat Board	-	-	300	300	300
Zoning Dept.	302,256	160,404	148,375	147,525	147,525
Regional Planning	7,634	7,634	7,650	7,650	7,650
Parks & Recreation	-	6,164	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fairgrounds	155,474	-	-	-	-
MDNR Grant Fairgrounds	9,613	23,455	-	-	-
Insurance & Surety	3,207	3,226	3,600	4,000	3,600
Employee Benefits	-	5,186	16,800	16,800	16,800
Contingency	-	-	100,000	100,000	58,850
	<u>6,639,559</u>	<u>6,770,941</u>	<u>7,177,050</u>	<u>7,344,332</u>	<u>7,168,475</u>

Appropriations – Other:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
United Way 211 Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
District #10 Health Dept.	179,382	181,033	181,033	181,033	181,033
Mason/Lake Soil Conservation	16,300	16,600	17,000	22,500	17,000
Household Haz. Waste Prog.	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Mental Health Authority	139,750	139,750	139,750	139,750	139,750
Mason Co. Growth Alliance	103,700	103,700	103,700	103,700	100,000
911 Center	150,546	152,310	152,000	151,000	151,000
N MI Substance Abuse	<u>87,237</u>	<u>104,045</u>	<u>95,125</u>	<u>106,500</u>	<u>106,500</u>
	<u>685,415</u>	<u>705,938</u>	<u>697,108</u>	<u>712,983</u>	<u>703,783</u>

Appropriations to County Funds:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
192. Welfare Child Care	45,000	46,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
215. Friend of the Court	350,000	357,000	371,000	417,275	371,000
217. Landfill Perpetual Care	45,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
225. Junk Ordinance	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	8,000
230. Emp Vacation & Sick Pay	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
257. Budget Stabilization	57,000	48,000	55,000	299,000	55,000
266. Jail Operations	1,372,000	1,346,100	1,346,200	1,493,246	1,381,000
269. Law Library	13,150	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
289. Social Welfare	34,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
292. Probate Child Care	208,000	207,000	207,000	207,000	207,000
381. Airport – Debt	30,000	20,750	-	-	-
402. Equipment Replacement	146,850	117,150	132,350	362,350	132,300
470. Public Improvement	332,093	382,942	367,442	367,442	367,442
481. Airport - Improvement	10,000	9,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
581. Airport – Operating	118,800	118,800	125,850	136,000	136,000
516. Delinquent Tax Revolving	365,625	-	-	308,000	103,000
676. Ins. – Liability	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
677. Ins. - Worker's Comp.	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
378. Ins. - Health & Life	<u>920,000</u>	<u>665,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>
SUBTOTALS	<u>4,240,518</u>	<u>3,593,242</u>	<u>3,382,842</u>	<u>4,368,313</u>	<u>3,530,742</u>
Total General Fund Budget	<u>11,565,492</u>	<u>11,070,121</u>	<u>11,257,000</u>	<u>12,425,628</u>	<u>11,403,000</u>

-1.30%

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Fund 402 Capital Expenditures:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
Drain Com. GIS & Computers	-	500	1,125	1,125	1,125
DPW Computers	-	900	625	625	625
District/Circuit Ct Computers	26,000	500	-	1,300	-
Tax System Computers	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,000	6,000
Probate Equip & Furniture	500	500	500	7,500	500
Accounting System Computers	7,000	5,000	5,000	9,000	5,000
Animal Control Vehicles	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Maintenance Vehicle	2,000	1,750	1,750	2,500	1,750
SERT Equipment	-	-	-	7,500	-
Secondary Road Vehicles	-	-	-	20,000	-
Sheriff Office Dive Equipment	3,500	3,500	3,500	6,500	3,500
Forensic Computing School	-	-	-	5,000	-
Road Patrol Total Station	-	-	-	4,500	-
Sheriff Radar Equipment	-	-	-	6,000	-
Road Patrol Software	-	-	4,000	15,000	4,000
Sheriff radios	2,000	2,000	2,000	35,000	-
Sheriff vehicles	80,000	80,000	85,000	95,000	85,000
Sheriff in-car camera	-	-	2,000	6,000	2,000
Sheriff's Marine boat	-	-	-	90,000	2,000
Sheriff computers & equip.	2,000	2,000	3,000	15,000	3,000
Sheriff's Ballistic Vests	2,500	2,000	5,000	10,000	5,000
Sheriff's Canine	3,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	2,000
Aerial Photos	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	2,000
Clerk Copiers	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Clerk Imaging Equipment	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
Zoning Equipment	-	-	350	300	300
Emergency Mgt. Furniture	1,350	-	-	-	-
Zoning Vehicle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,000
TOTAL	146,850	117,150	132,350	362,350	132,300

Fund 470 Capital Expenditures:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
Animal Control Building	18,554	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Transmission Tower	1,325	1,525	1,500	1,500	1,500
Parks	17,671	37,500	20,000	20,000	20,000
102 Fifth Street	10,602	12,975	12,000	12,000	12,000
Jail	79,517	89,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Jail Annex Building	17,671	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Health Department Building	66,593	64,942	64,942	64,942	64,942
Courthouse Steps	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Courthouse Bldg & Grounds	88,353	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
HVAC System Replacement	31,807	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
TOTAL	392,018	392,018	367,442	367,442	367,442

MASON COUNTY 2014 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY
Property Tax Collection	7,735,889	7,824,980	8,205,000	8,302,000	8,302,000
Delinquent Personal Tax	4,239	5,646	6,000	6,000	6,000
Federal Payment in lieu of tax	99,835	101,503	55,400	55,400	55,400
Industrial Facilities Tax	22,731	24,832	23,200	23,250	23,250
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	59,333	89,198	55,000	55,000	60,000
Other Taxes & Fees	30,537	36,413	33,025	33,025	33,025
Zoning Department	52,225	18,725	25,050	21,000	20,600
Soil Erosion & Sediment	19,903	22,550	3,225	3,500	3,500
Dog licenses	74,230	70,395	76,000	72,000	72,000
All other Licenses & Permits	7,126	6,966	6,750	6,900	6,900
Court Equity Fund	141,166	135,973	145,475	141,000	141,000
Judges Salary Standard.	128,034	128,034	128,025	128,025	128,025
Probate Judge Supplement	103,363	103,369	102,925	103,350	103,350
Emergency Preparedness	19,593	19,243	15,000	15,000	19,000
Fr. of Ct./Incentive Program	30,299	28,531	31,000	30,000	30,000

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General Fund Expenditure, continued:

Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>PRELIMINARY REQUESTED</u>	<u>PRELIMINARY</u>
C.R.P. Reimbursement	293,783	297,271	293,000	300,000	300,000
Juvenile Court Officer Grant	27,317	27,317	27,300	27,300	27,300
Victims' Rights	16,200	16,227	16,000	16,200	16,200
Cigarette Tax	1,851	1,518	-	-	-
Convention Facility Tax	174,474	208,089	197,400	213,000	213,000
Township Liquor License	13,741	13,877	13,500	13,700	13,700
State Survey Remonumentation	30,176	31,068	32,800	33,100	33,100
Sheriff Secondary Road Patrol	58,175	51,277	46,600	46,600	46,600
Marine Patrol	36,734	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
S.S.C.E.N.T. Program	24,844	23,214	17,975	15,050	15,050
MDNR Grant	-	-	-	-	-
All other state grants	34,725	53,235	9,650	9,650	9,650
Circuit Court Costs	22,647	20,144	19,000	20,100	20,100
District Court Costs	139,580	154,985	160,000	160,000	160,000
Probation Oversight Fees	39,365	33,918	35,000	35,000	35,000
Civil Fees	68,786	69,617	67,800	68,600	68,600
Recording Fees	96,225	113,633	95,000	95,000	100,000
Circuit Court Fees	11,443	9,860	11,400	11,400	11,400
Probate Court	10,384	10,679	11,500	10,500	10,500
County Clerk	31,965	28,482	28,000	35,000	35,000
Inter-Departmental Personnel Ser	25,145	22,196	24,000	23,600	23,600
Prosecutor	18,419	17,076	18,400	17,400	17,400
Printed & electronic copy sales	35,553	26,628	32,000	32,000	32,000
All other charges for services	68,258	72,465	68,000	70,000	70,000
Ordinance Fines & Costs	39,306	38,941	40,000	39,000	39,000
Bond Forfeitures	11,044	9,349	11,000	11,000	11,000
Investment Income	25,146	53,006	58,000	58,000	58,000
Investment Income - restricted	45,061	35,596	-	-	-
Rents, Leases	47,960	48,933	48,000	47,000	47,000
Reimbursements, Refunds	978,893	382,255	175,000	185,000	185,000
Transfers from other funds	788,491	732,216	607,600	619,750	619,750
911 Center	151,492	150,906	152,000	151,000	151,000
Allocated fund balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund Revenue	<u>11,895,686</u>	<u>11,400,336</u>	<u>11,257,000</u>	<u>11,389,400</u>	<u>11,403,000</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>330,194</u>	<u>330,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,036,228)</u>	<u>-</u> 1.30%

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Treasurer has historically purchased the delinquent taxes from the schools and other units of government; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this purchase can be funded internally by advancing funds from the General Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves purchasing the 2012 delinquent taxes by advancing funds from the General Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the City of Ludington has asked the County of Mason to extend the assessing services agreement for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the attached agreement with the City of Ludington.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the County of Mason and the City of Ludington and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Mason County Remonumentation Plan states that the County Grant Administrator must submit surveyor contracts to the Mason County Board of Commissioners for approval and authorization; and

WHEREAS, Surveyor John Schulke and the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of a contract with Mr. Noah Penn.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the related surveyor contract and further directs the Board Chair to sign said contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Lake Michigan Carferry has signed a Consent Decree agreement with the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will require the SS Badger to end the ash discharge within two years; and

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree has been filed in federal court in Grand Rapids by the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, there is a 30 day period for the public to submit comments to the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree is a good compromise that should be approved by the federal court.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason hereby supports the Consent Decree agreement between the Lake Michigan Carferry and the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the federal court to approve the Consent Decree.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma, J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, M. Nichols, J. Andersen

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, good budget management practice recommends the amendment of the budgets as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the attached budget amendments as proposed by the various Department Heads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2013 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund type budget amendments as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Prosecutor Paul Spaniola is requesting authorization to purchase a laptop computer and a laser printer from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the 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 laptop computer and a laser printer for the Prosecutor's office, funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act creates health reform obligations that extend to employers, group health plans and insurers; and

WHEREAS, the attached Amendment revises or adds provisions to the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network to bring it in compliance with the new obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the County approve the attached Amendment to the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Amendment to the Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network and further directs County Administrator Knizacky to sign the contract amendment on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are three vacancies on the Mason County Council on Aging with terms ending December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, there were three responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mrs. Susan Boes, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, and Mr. Andrew Kaatz.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Susan Boes representing District #1, Mrs. Virginia Johnson representing District #2, and Mr. Andrew Kaatz representing District #6 be appointed to the Mason County Council on Aging for terms expiring on December 31, 2013.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Shirley Smith presented the March Treasurer's report and the 2012 Property Tax Settlement Summary and stated there were 33 parcels foreclosed on for the current year which was down by 3 parcels from the previous year.

Clerk Jim Riffle reviewed the March 2013 Clerk's Report and answered questions.

Administrator Knizacky reminded Commissioners of the Mason County Township Officer's quarterly meeting to be held on April 18th at 7:30 at Sheridan Township Hall and the West Michigan Central County Alliance meeting to be held April 29th in Newaygo County. Administrator Knizacky also reported the auditors will begin the audit on April 22nd.

Public Comment: Evelyn Bergaila asked for clarification of the taxable values of the wind turbines based on comments made during Equalization Director Routhier's report and the clarification of the contrast between the old and new multipliers was explained by Administrator Knizacky.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN