

January 11, 2022

The organizational 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 Clerk C. Kelly.

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

R. Bacon gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner Krieger, as Parliamentarian, presented the Resolution for Approval of electing the Chairperson for a one-year term which was seconded by J. Hartley. Motion carried.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 392 of 2000 amends section 3 of Public Act 156 of 1851 specifying that the chairperson of a county board of commissioners shall be elected each odd-numbered year to serve a two-year term, unless the county board of commissioners provides by resolution that the chairperson shall be elected annually for a one-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 392 took effect on January 4, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason desires to elect its chairperson on an annual basis.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason does hereby determine to elect its chairperson for annual one-year terms in accordance with the terms of Public Act 392 of 2000.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger.

Clerk Kelly opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position of the Mason County Board of Commissioners. Nomination by Commissioner Bacon for Commissioner Andersen to be Chair for 2022.

Clerk Kelly asked if there were any other nominations. Clerk Kelly asked again for any other nominations.

Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed, and motion was made by N. Krieger and seconded by S. Hull to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot to elect J. Andersen as Chair for the 2022 Calendar year. Motion carried.

Clerk Kelly turned the meeting over to Chair Andersen, who thanked the Board for their vote of confidence to be elected again to help serve for 2022.

Chair Andersen opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chair position for the Mason County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Krieger nominated Commissioner Hull for Vice-Chair.

Chair Andersen asked two more times if there were any other nominations, hearing none, she closed the floor for nominations. Commissioner Krieger made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Hull as Vice-Chair, this was seconded by Commissioner Hartley. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting and December 27, 2021 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

No Correspondence was read.

Public comment: Annette Quillan, Ludington, outlined her thoughts regarding the New Year and let the commissioners know that they were elected to represent all the constituents of Mason County to the best of their abilities and to have a happy governing year.

Mary Samuels, Mason County Road Commission Director, thanked the board for the discovery of the property on Nurnberg Road and thanked Administrator Knizacky for his work on this project. She informed the Board that the Road Commission will be moving forward with their site plans on the Custer parcel with building a cold storage building to be able to take care of the equipment and keep out of the elements. She informed the Commissioners that their intent is to pay off their MERS debt prior to beginning construction.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the attached Lease Agreement has been proposed by the District Health Department #10.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Lease Agreement between the District Health Department #10 and Mason County and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your consideration.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger.

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has offered a 2022 CESF Agreement to the Mason County Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending that the County approve the attached Agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2022 CESF Agreement with the State of Michigan and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley.

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Homeland Security Grants are now being given on a regional basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason is a member of the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board had designated West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium as the Fiduciary for the 2018 Homeland Security Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of various equipment and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason needs to approve the attached Certification of Goods Received.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Certification of Goods Received and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley.

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Sheriff Cole and the Public Safety and Courts Committee are recommending the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F150 from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F150; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley.

Commissioner Squires thanked Commissioners' Andersen and Hull for taking on the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair and that they have done a good job in the past, and he looks forward to working with them in the future.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Animal Control Officer Colbrook and the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of the attached Adoption and Alteration Contract.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Mason County Animal Control Adoption and Alteration Contract.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Joyce deJong is recommending the appointment of Deputy Medical Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending the appointment of Dr. Patrick Hansma and Dr. Jared Brooks as Deputy Medical Examiners.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Dr. Patrick Hansma and Dr. Jared Brooks as Deputy Medical Examiners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Public Safety & Courts Committee are recommending the appointment of Mr. Justin Brown 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 Mr. Justin Brown 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 Chairman S. Hull and seconded by J. Hartley to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for January 11, 2022.

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

Road Patrol	\$182,000.00
Friend of the Court	\$142,500.00
Indigent Defense	\$ 38,375.00
Jail Operations	\$162,475.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 67,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 11,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, from time to time, to review and update the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull.

Commissioner Krieger noted that he felt this was a good change and thanked the board for agreeing to the change as he feels it will be beneficial moving forward. Chair Andersen outlined to the public what these changes were and Commissioner Hartley echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Krieger with regards to the changes and appreciated the leadership in this area.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Register of Deeds is recommending the purchase of a Life Cycle Service from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the approval of the purchase of this service.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a Life Cycle Service from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Lake Effect Aviation, LLC has purchased a large heated hangar on the Mason County Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Owner Nick Tykoski is requesting a Fixed Base Operation and Hangar Ground Rent Agreement with Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has negotiated the attached agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a Fixed Base Operation and Hangar Ground Rent Agreement with Lake Effect Aviation, LLC and further directs its Board Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull.

Commissioner Krieger thanked Treasurer Kmetz for agreeing to participate in this program. He sees a need in his practice for this program to be able to assist constituents. Commissioner's Andersen and Hartley also agreed, noting that this program gives the residents of Mason County the ability to have another tool to assist should they need help and appreciated that the Treasurer would be willing to go above and beyond to help those in need.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Treasurer Kmetz and the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund Michigan State Housing Development Authority Provider Participation Agreement and directs Mason County Treasurer Kmetz to sign it on their behalf.

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**, the State of Michigan made changes to the Open Meetings Act in 2020 that took effect on January 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 254 of 2020 restricts members of a public body from attending a public meeting virtually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners would like to hire Capitol Services from Lansing in an attempt to correct the changes back to the way the Open Meetings Act was prior to these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is inquiring if Mason County is interested in joining their efforts to hire Capitol Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that we not contribute to this effort.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason declines the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners request to contribute funds towards their efforts to hire Capitol Services.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Roll Call Vote:

ABSENT: Castonia.

AYES: Krieger, Hartley, Squires, Hull, Bacon, Andersen.

NAYS: None.

Commissioner Hartley noted that the request from Tuscola was left open ended with regards to the financial obligation to counties joining and that he could not support this request.

Commissioner Squires inquired as to whether or not MAC had given input and was informed by Administrator Knizacky that they do the lobbying on behalf of Counties and their attempts have failed. The legislature wants members present not virtual.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is one vacancy on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board with a term that expires January 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, there is one response from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News and the Mason County Press from Mr. Ron Bacon.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Ron Bacon be appointed for the vacant position on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending January 31, 2026.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Commissioner Squires informed the board that this committee may be dissolved due to bond circumstances. He was informed by Administrator Knizacky that until dissolution, the County Board needs to appoint so they have a full board.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Airport Manager O’Connor has received inquiries related to use of the conference room at the Mason County Airport Terminal Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the attached Rules & Regulations and related fees for the use of the conference room at Mason County Airport Terminal Building.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Rules & Regulations and related fees for the use of the conference room at Mason County Airport Terminal Building effective January 12, 2022.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Commissioner Bacon congratulated Commissioners’ Andersen and Hull on their appointments noting that they have done a great job and they work well together.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 schedule of meetings for the Mason County Board of Commissioners requires approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2022 schedule of meetings.

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY 11 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	AUGUST 9 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 8 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 13 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
MARCH 8 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	OCTOBER 11 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
APRIL 12 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	NOVEMBER 1 <sup>st</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.
MAY 10 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	DECEMBER 13 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
JUNE 14 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	<b><u>JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 A.M.</u></b>
JULY 12 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.		

These meetings are open to the public. The Board of Commissioners Meetings will be held in the Mason County Airport Terminal conference room. Located 5300 W. US 10, Ludington MI 49431.

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

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

December 09, 2021 totaling \$351,877.22; and  
December 22, 2021 totaling \$413,283.62; 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 2022 schedule of work sessions for the Mason County Board of Commissioners requires approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2022 schedule of work sessions.

**JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.**  
Topic: The future use of the Mason County Terminal.

**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.**  
Topic: 2023 Budget Work Session.

**MAY 24<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.**  
Topic: Broadband initiative.

**NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.**  
Topic: To be announced

**JULY 26<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.** Topic:  
Discussion of priorities for 2023 Final Budget.

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Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

Public Comment- Phil Morris, Oceana County, introduced himself to the Board acknowledging that he is running for State Representative for the House seat. He currently serves on the Oceana Board of Commissioners, and is the principal for New Era Christian Schools whose main focus will be education.

Unfinished business: Commissioner Andersen noted that the first work session for 2022 will be on January 25, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:39 a.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR