

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room located at the Mason County Airport terminal.

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Andersen.

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

Invocation was given by S. Hull and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America followed by all.

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

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Commissioner Andersen read the following note: To Mason County Board of Commissioners, Thank you so much for all you have done for me in the past 19 ½ years as an employee of the County of Mason. I really appreciated the strong benefit package, updated wage increases, your consideration in times of need and especially the Shop N Save gift cards at Christmas! I hope I served the County with the best interest for all. Sincerely, Cindy Sarnowski.

Public comment: None

- Kevin Hughes, MA Health Officer, District Health Department #10 presented the 2021 annual report. He was thanked by Chair Andersen for the Health Department’s operating in a much different landscape than they had been used to and still continuing to provide services to the community.
- Jannice Lamm, Administrator of Oakview Medical Care Facility, reviewed via power point the 2021 annual report. COVID-19 issues were still prevalent and continue to be. For the time being, the building project has been put on hold. Additionally, staffing shortages continue to be an issue. The Private Pay rate is \$345.00 per day and the Medicaid rate is \$325.00 per day. Questions were asked and answered.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Prein & Newhof, Inc. is requesting that the county approve the attached Contract for Professional Engineering Service to provide the design phase services for the Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation Project at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of the attached contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Contract for Professional Engineering Service and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Friend of the Court Niemeyer is recommending that the Board approve the Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Consulting Services Agreement with MGT of America, Inc. and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Ordinance No. 12 requires that an organizer of an outdoor assembly event attended by more than 500 attendants must apply for a license to conduct said event; and

WHEREAS, Noah Cameron has made an application to hold an event the weekend of August 25-28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee has reviewed the application and has found it to be complete.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the license for an outdoor assembly for Noah Cameron pursuant to Mason County Ordinance No. 12.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by N. Krieger 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 2019 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) 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

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

April 14, 2022 totaling \$625,966.26; and
April 28, 2022 totaling \$294,440.65.

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, S. Hull, J. Andersen.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Director of Information Technology Englebrecht is requesting authorization to purchase a security camera from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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 a security camera; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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, 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 James Nordlund and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of contracts with Mr. Noah Penn, Mr. Craig Stapley, and Surveyor Nordlund.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment related to the reimbursement of conference fees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment.

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, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for May 10, 2022.

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

Road Patrol	\$181,950.00
Jail Operations	\$162,000.00
Airport Operations	\$ 38,200.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 267,025.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, May is Mental Health Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a reminder of the importance of integrating mental health into preparedness and response for public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and adult caregivers reported having disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use, and elevated suicidal ideation associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five adults in the U.S. will have a diagnosed mental health condition in any given year; and

WHEREAS, one in six U.S. children aged 2 to 8 years will have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder; and

WHEREAS, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through “will power” and is not related to a defect in a person’s “character” or intelligence; and

WHEREAS, West Michigan Community Mental Health is a federally certified community behavioral health clinic; and

WHEREAS, West Michigan Community Mental Health serves as the public behavioral health care provider for people with mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, and/or substance use disorders in Mason, Lake and Oceana counties; and

WHEREAS, West Michigan Community Mental Health served 3,143 individuals during Fiscal Year 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason hereby recognizes May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month and calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness to promote recovery.

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, there is one vacancy on the Mason County Council on Aging with a term ending December 31, 2023 representing Commissioner District #4; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kim Halladay has expressed an interest in being appointed to the Council on Aging to fill the vacancy representing District #4.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Kim Halladay be appointed for the one position on the Mason County Council on Aging for a term expiring on December 31, 2023.

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, the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a not-for-profit historical recognition institution dedicated to honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our local sports; and

WHEREAS, this year, 2022, marks the 18th such class of individuals and teams to be inducted in its illustrious hall through its unveiling at Historic White Pine Village through a partnership with the Mason County Historical Society and an induction banquet at Lincoln Hills Golf and Country Club; and

WHEREAS, its Board of Directors has selected six former athletes to be inducted into the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame: and

WHEREAS, the 18th class of inductees includes **Bob Cameron**, a 1979 graduate of Mason County Central, he earned nine varsity letters in track and field, cross country, and wrestling. In his senior year of wrestling, Bob earned All-Conference, was MHSAA Regional and State Champion in the 167-pound weight class and had a perfect 37-0 record. He was also a member of the MHSAA 1979 State Runner-up MCC wrestling team. Cameron continued his athletic participation while playing fast-pitch softball at a very accomplished level. Playing on four State Championship teams, a World NAFA Championship team, Bob was selected to the NAFA All-American team; **Christy Christmas**, a 1979 graduate of Mason County Central, she earned ten varsity letters in softball, volleyball, and basketball. All-Conference six times, MVP & Best Hitter in softball in 1979 and leading rebounder on 1976 MHSAA State Runner-up basketball team. Christmas earned 12 varsity letters at Cornerstone University, was MVP in three college sports and was inducted into Cornerstone Hall of Honor in 2007. Coaching honors included three-time softball Regional Coach of year, seven-time District Coach of Year, All-Area Softball Coach, and All-Star Game coach. Her high school career softball coaching record of 302-113, she was All-American in ASA fast-pitch softball and member of National ASA Runner-up team in 1994; **Mike Evans** is a 1963 graduate of Ludington High School, where he played and received multiple varsity letters in baseball and basketball. As talented an athlete as he was in both sports, it was to basketball he devoted his time and energy. He was All-Conference his junior and senior years, he was a Detroit Free Press All-State Selection in 1963, and averaged 18 points per game that year. Mike was also chosen to the WOOD TV's All-Star team in both 1962 and 1963. Mike was known for his athletic smoothness, ability to shoot, and execute "no look" passes for assists to his frequently surprised teammates. He led his team in assists. Evans played four years of varsity basketball for Northwood College; **Al Hardman** was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and had a passion for the outdoors. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a degree in Engineering in 1966, formed Hardman Construction in 1979 and in 1990 his interest in dog sled racing began. He started racing in 1995 and continued with his goal of competing in the Race of all Races, the Iditarod, 1,151+ miles, of frigid cold. He competed 4 times, in 1997, 2000, 2002, and 2004, placing 21st in 2002, his best finish, 13 days 58 minutes. Al continued competing and at the age of 68 finished fourth in the "Race to the Sky" in Montana. Al was a positive influence as an industry and community leader; **Jill (Trem) Stickney** is a 1979 graduate of Mason County Eastern, Jill earned 19 varsity letters in softball, track and field, basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. She was All-Conference in track & field in 1976, 77, 78, and 79 and in volleyball and softball 1977, 78 and 79. She was MHSAA All-State in shot put in 1976, 77, 78 and had a MHSAA state record in 1979, and was also All-State in discus that year. She attended Ferris State College as the first female scholarship track and field athlete. Set Ferris State College records in shot put, discus, and javelin. Jill was Female Track and Field MVP in 1980. Transferring to Grand Valley State University, she was GLIAC Conference Javelin Champion. Post-college she was a member of the 1982 ASA State Championship softball team; **Lyford Young** is a 1955 graduate of Free Soil High School, he earned twelve varsity letters, in track and field, baseball, and basketball. Lyford was MHSAA 1955 State Champion in the 440 yard run in 54.0 seconds, and All-State in track in 1954. He held numerous FSHS and Mason County records in running and shot put. Lyford was dominant in the WMD league and was League Champion in the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes in 1954 and 1955. Young was All-State in basketball in 1954 and 1955, he was the first person in the county to score over 400 points in one season, and totaled 975 for his career. He played one year for Adrian College. He was also a renowned member of the award winning acapella group named The Five Pennies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby declare June 25, 2022, as Mason County Sports Hall of Fame Day and that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the May 10, 2022, County Commission proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, speaking for the citizens of the County of Mason and for themselves, offers their sincere congratulations to the 2022 inductees to the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. Moved for your approval.

Janet S. Andersen, Board Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement taken from the proceedings of the Mason County Board of Commissioners' meeting of May 10, 2022.

Cheryl Kelly, Mason County Clerk

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull 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 Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the appointment of Surveyor James Nordlund, Mr. Noah Penn, and Mr. Craig Stapley as members and Mr. Dennis Dunlap as alternate to the Remonumentation Peer Group.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Surveyor James Nordlund, Mr. Noah Penn, Mr. Craig Stapley, and Mr. Dennis Dunlap, and further directs the Board Chair to sign the related contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

➤ Treasurer Kmetz presented the monthly Treasurer’s Report for April 2022. Treasurer Kmetz also noted that the Dog Amnesty allowed for 345 licenses with \$5,175.00 in revenue being generated. Of the 3,000 postcards that were sent, 1,700 had no response and the Animal Control Officers are going to be investigating and following up on. Future ideas were to create an informational pamphlet regarding what requirements are necessary when having a pet and seeing if this pamphlet can be placed at area veterinary offices to distribute to new pet owners. Overall, the Amnesty program was a success.

The Treasurer’s office has assisted three tax payers with obtaining assistance through tax programs currently being offered. Treasurer Kmetz was thanked for his efforts in assisting the taxpayers.

➤ Clerk Kelly noted the Clerk’s Report for April 2022 was emailed last week and inquired if there were any questions.

➤ Administrator Knizacky noted that he finished the paperwork necessary for the second payment of the ARPA funds. He is currently working on the 2023 Veteran’s Service Grant and also preparing for the audit, which is scheduled next week. He reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming work session on May 24, 2022 and noted that he has five speakers coming in. He requested to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. and for Commissioner’s to let him know what other items they would like him to prepare for prior to the meeting.

Public Comment: Bill Kearns, Scottville Senior Center expressed his appreciation for the work and partnership with the District #10 Health Department.

Aldon Maleckas, Custer, expressed his opinions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other business:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR