

May 24, 2022

The work-session of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport Terminal

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman J. Andersen

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

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by N. Krieger.

Motion by G. Castonia and seconded by S. Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence: Email from Merit was read. Merit is interested in consulting and working with the County on a Broadband project.

Public comment: Gene Kyle, Ludington, noted that he has been viewing FCC Webinars for seniors and finds the need for internet service a must for seniors.

The following individuals spoke at the work session: Monica Schuyler of Connect Mason County, Mike Reen of Aspen Wireless, Kasi Ostyn of Truestream, Chris Bogner of Carr Communications, and Tom Stephenson of Connect Michigan. Also speaking was Administrator Knizacky.

Of note, was the significant increase in costs for supplies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Administrator Knizacky inquired of the Commissioners after hearing all of the guest speakers as to how they would like to move forward. Discussion ensued with regards to a partnership with a private entity. Further discussion was to have a consultant to review all proposals to make sure all expectations would be brought out for both parties.

There was no other business:

Public comment: Public Comment was made by Chris Bogner of Carr Communications who noted that they would be open to this public/private partnership.

Randy Blair, Ludington, inquired of who would be the responsible party for costs to get from the road to the home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR