

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason County Airport terminal conference room in Ludington.

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 S. Hull and pledge to the flag followed.

Approval of the agenda. Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by N. Krieger. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by L. Squires to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2022. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment: Annette Quillan, Ludington, hopes that the Commissioners would look into a noise ordinance for the whole County, as there seems to be a problem in Hamlin Township. What she suggested was a 9 p.m. curfew and guidelines to go by.

Bill Kearns, Scottville Senior Center, expressed his sympathies to the Board Chair for the loss of her family member and admired her for the fact that she was present to attend to her board duties.

Animal Control Officer Sarah Colbrook presented the 2021 Animal Control Report. Commissioner N. Krieger acknowledged the exceptional service Officer Hamm provided to him and his family, when having to put a family pet pug to sleep.

William Schwass, Chair of the Mason County Road Commission Board presented the 2021 Road Commission Report. He noted that the Road Commission has been reaching out to State Representatives regarding the fuel tax that was considered for elimination. He was told there would be monies in the budget to replace this by the legislature. Currently, the Road Commission is on year three of a ten-year plan. A cold storage building has started construction. Questions from Commissioners were addressed that included the following roads: Morton, Majewski, north Custer, and Hansen roads. Commissioner L. Squires commended Director Samuels on the work being done and Chair W. Schwass on the report that was presented. He did ask questions about Hansen and north Gordon roads wondering if work will be considered on those roads in the future.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners advertised for and hired a contractor to provide custodial services at the Mason County Courthouse in 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, the successful contractor P.C.S. has agreed to provide the services for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the County has been satisfied with the services provided by P.C.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends extending the contract with P.C.S. for one year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached contract with P.C.S. to provide contracted custodial services at the Mason County Courthouse and directs the Board Chair to sign on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cole is requesting authorization to purchase thirteen (13) tactical protective vests from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending the purchase of these vests from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of thirteen tactical protective vests from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase a Command and Control Box and Radio from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending purchasing this equipment from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a Command and Control Box and Radio; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) G. Castonia

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole and the Public Safety and Courts Committee are recommending an extension of the contract for inmate medical services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the extension of the contract for inmate medical services with Advanced Correctional Health Care, Inc. and authorizes the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley

Commissioner Krieger questioned the initial approval of the inmate medical contract, and was informed by Administrator Knizacky that the board approved that contract in August of 2021.

Motion by J. Hartley and seconded by G. Castonia 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 has designated West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium as the Fiduciary for the 2021 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts Committee is recommending approval of an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Hartley

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Ottawa County Sheriff Kempker has offered to donate Video Ray Pro 4 PS300CL submersible Tethered Robotic Camera and Sonar System to Mason County; and

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole is requesting that Mason County accept this offer; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts is recommending that the County approve the attached Transfer of Ownership Agreement/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Transfer of Ownership Agreement/Equipment receipt and acceptance for purchases under Federal Award Number 97.067 between Ottawa County and Mason County and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document and all related forms on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) L. Squires

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair 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 August 09, 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

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Commissioner Krieger inquired if there were alternative proposals than what was previously authorized or was there a change to with the quotes and was informed no. The Courts were requested to get another quote.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Circuit Court Judge Sniegowski is requesting funds to purchase office furniture to reconfigure the Circuit Court office; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of this request with funds coming from contingency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase office furniture to reconfigure the Circuit Court office; funds to come from the contingency.

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, 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 2022 General Fund and Special Revenue Funds budget amendments as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

County of Mason							
2022 Budget Amendments							
General Fund Expenditures - Page 1 of 3							
				Current			Amended
Description				Budget	Increase	Decrease	Budget
Board of Commissioners							
Legal Services				6,750		(4,900)	1,850
Contracted Services				1,000	5,250		6,250
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				1,000		(350)	650
Juvenile Court							
Court Recordings				5,000		(75)	4,925
Health Insurance				-	75		75
Tax Allocation Board							
Retirement				100	75		175
Mileage Reimbursement				150		(75)	75
Remonumentation Board							
Postage				-	25		25
Contracted Services				31,100	600		31,700
Equalization							
Salaries & Wages: Full Time				212,650		(53,775)	158,875
Contracted Services				48,600	53,650		102,250
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				550	25		575

Telephone			700	100		800
<u>Register of Deeds</u>						
Salaries & Wages: Full Time			138,700		(8,000)	130,700
Health Insurance Waiver			4,050		(3,375)	675
Health Insurance			32,475	19,950		52,425
Photographic Supplies			850		(400)	450
Postage			1,500	25		1,525
Contracted Services			18,000	1,300		19,300
Notary			100		(50)	50
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			300	50		350
Employee Physicals			-	125		125
Mileage Reimbursement			500		(300)	200
Printing & Publishing			750		(350)	400
Office Equipment Repair & Maintenance			500		(300)	200
Furniture & Fixtures			-	325		325
<u>Maintenance - Courthouse</u>						
Contracted Services			58,000	850		58,850
<u>Maintenance - Scottville Office Complex</u>						
Contracted Services			16,500	275		16,775
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			600	50		650

County of Mason						
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			Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Maintenance - Jail Annex</u>						
Contracted Services			9,400		(75)	9,325
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			650	75		725
<u>Circuit Court</u>						
Salaries & Wages: Part Time			-	7,900		7,900
Transcripts			15,000		(1,700)	13,300
Guardian Attorney Services			-	900		900
Contracted Services			-	700		700
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			550		(25)	525
Employee Physicals			-	125		125
Furniture & Fixtures			-	17,525		17,525
<u>Probate Court</u>						
Books & Educational Materials			300	550		850
Translation Services			-	450		450
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			2,175		(1,000)	1,175
<u>Prosecuting Attorney</u>						
Transcripts			2,000		(500)	1,500
Legal Services			-	150		150
Contracted Services			9,000		(800)	8,200
Towing & Storage			2,000		(475)	1,525
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			875	75	-	950
Printing & Publishing			300	1,300		1,600
Miscellaneous			150	250		400

<u>Courthouse Security</u>							
Life Insurance				275		(25)	250
Postage				-	25		25
<u>Emergency Management</u>							
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				175	25		200
Telephone				2,050		(25)	2,025
<u>Animal Control</u>							
Office Supplies				800		(75)	725
Contracted Services				7,350	275		7,625
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				1,225	25		1,250
Refunds & Rebates				-	50		50
<u>Public Works</u>							
Health Insurance				-	275		275
Employee Physicals				-	150		150
Telephone				1,250		(425)	825

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				Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Health Department</u>							
Contracted Services				30,400	5,575		35,975
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				3,100	275		3,375
<u>Veterans Affairs Grant</u>							
Postage				75	100		175
Printing & Publishing				2,475		(2,100)	375
Advertising				-	2,000		2,000
<u>Zoning</u>							
Salaries & Wages: Full Time				86,850		(12,600)	74,250
Salaries & Wages: Part Time				-	2,400		2,400
Per Diem				12,150		(6,000)	6,150
Health Insurance				10,750	3,900		14,650
Offices Supplies				1,400		(500)	900
Contracted Services				30,000	20,000		50,000
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				725		(50)	675
Telephone				1,650		(1,000)	650
Mileage Reimbursement				4,300		(2,150)	2,150
Printing & Publishing				5,800		(4,000)	1,800
<u>MSU Extension</u>							
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				214	25		239
Leases				6,600	900		7,500
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>							
Contracted Services				-	5,000		5,000

<u>Fairgrounds</u>						
Contracted Services			-	11,700		11,700
Advertising			-	250		250
<u>Contingency</u>						
Miscellaneous			60,500	-	(35,150)	25,350
<u>Appropriation</u>						
Public Improvement			442,956	21,000		463,956
				186,700	(140,625)	
Net increase (decrease)					46,075	

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				Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes				2,300		(1,500)	800
Swampland Payment in Lieu of Taxes				8,825	300		9,125
Housing PILT: Birch Lake Apartments				2,875	275		3,150
Housing PILT: 200 W. Loomis				-	250		250
Housing PILT: 225 W. Ludington Avenue				-	175		175
PILT - Personal Property Tax Loss				411,000	304,850		715,850
Commercial Forest Specific Taxes				250	2,350		2,600
Payment in Lieu of Taxes				124,325	3,300		127,625
Industrial Facility Tax				24,525	2,600		27,125
Property Tax Administration Fees				3,650	9,250		12,900
Zoning Permits				16,000		(1,200)	14,800
Dog Licenses				47,000		(2,300)	44,700
Medical Marijuana Oversight				-	5,125		5,125
Drunk Driving Case Flow Assistance Fund				4,475		(275)	4,200
Drug Case Information Management Fund				600	225		825
Friend of the Court Medical Incentive				-	1,775		1,775
Friend of the Court Incentive program				34,500		(1,800)	32,700
Revenue Sharing: County Incentive				126,775		(1,000)	125,775
District Court Costs				110,000		(57,625)	52,375
Civil Fees				60,000		(20,000)	40,000
Cremation Fees				14,600		(1,500)	13,100
Probation Oversight Fees				52,000		(28,000)	24,000
Friend of the Court Handling Fees				16,400		(6,000)	10,400
Clerk MDCH Certification Fee				4,500		(4,400)	100
Property Tax Split Certification				-	100		100
Board of cats & dogs				400		(200)	200
Inter-Departmental Personnel Services				28,000		(2,000)	26,000
Print & Electronic Materials Sales				17,000		(2,000)	15,000
Ordinance Fines & Costs				32,000		(14,000)	18,000
Sale of Firearms				-	200		200
Reimbursements				129,875	11,700		141,575
Reimbursements: District Library				23,700	125		23,825
Reimbursements: Welfare Fraud				125	100		225
Reimbursements: Election				30,000		(10,000)	20,000
Reimbursements: County Services Brownfield				-	1,200		1,200

Reimbursements: Prosecutor Services	16,225		(500)	15,725
Transfers In: Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	143,525		(143,525)	-
			343,900	(297,825)
	Net increase (decrease)		46,075	

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				Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sheriff Road Patrol</u>							
<u>Road Patrol & Detectives</u>							
Health Insurance Waiver				10,500	3,000		13,500
Other Supplies				1,100	1,500		2,600
Postage				-	450		450
Network O&M Assessments				20,350	475		20,825
Software Annual Support				18,000		(1,500)	16,500
Employee Training				19,000	20,000		39,000
Contracted Services				15,000		(11,000)	4,000
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				52,625	2,050		54,675
Equipment Repair & Maintenance				16,450		(8,425)	8,025
Miscellaneous				1,050		(500)	550
Special Investigation Activities				2,600	6,300		8,900
Equipment Replacement					24,000		24,000
<u>Secondary Road Patrol</u>							
Shift Differential				50	175		225
Health Insurance				19,925	50		19,975
Photographic Supplies				250		(125)	125
Software Technical Support				200		(100)	100
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				2,800		(350)	2,450
Equipment Repair & Maintenance				1,000		(500)	500
<u>Marine Law Enforcement</u>							
Overtime				1,900	2,700		4,600
Gasoline & Oil				8,000		(1,500)	6,500
Equipment Repair & Maintenance				2,400		(1,200)	1,200
<u>Emergency Response Team</u>							
Other Supplies				5,350		(325)	5,025
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				400	325		725
<u>SCCENT</u>							
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				1,900	25		1,925
Vehicle Expense				6,925		(3,525)	3,400
<u>Senior Citizen Programs</u>							
<u>Council on Aging</u>							
Per Diem				-	550		550
Retirement				-	50		50

Social Security & Medicare		-	50		50
<u>Friend of the Court</u>					
Contracted Services		31,200		(4,000)	27,200
Equipment Replacement		-	4,000		4,000

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<u>Description</u>			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Junk Ordinance Administration</u>						
Salaries & Wages: Full Time - Victory			-	300		300
Legal Services			7,525		(525)	7,000
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			1,775	225		2,000
<u>Landfill Post Closure Care</u>						
<u>Mason County Landfill - Pere Marquette</u>						
Architectural & Engineering Services			2,500		(1,500)	1,000
Contracted Services			1,400	1,500		2,900
<u>Building Inspection</u>						
Salaries & Wages: Part Time			-	5,300		5,300
Per Diem			-	350		350
Health Insurance Waiver			825		(825)	-
Health Insurance			14,975		(3,800)	11,175
Postage			650	125		775
Software Technical Support			3,200	100		3,300
Plan Review Fees: Mechanical Permits			2,575	3,825		6,400
<u>Register of Deeds Automation</u>						
Software Technical Support			20,000	1,800		21,800
<u>Indigent Defense</u>						
<u>Indigent Defense System - State Grant</u>						
Transcripts			6,082		(25)	6,057
Health Insurance			-	25		25
<u>Indigent Defense System - Local Share</u>						
Postage			-	25		25
Mileage Reimbursement			3,464		(25)	3,439
<u>Jail Operations</u>						
Salaries & Wages: Full Time			1,215,775		(12,200)	1,203,575
Retirement			599,925		(4,225)	595,700
Social Security & Medicare			108,975		(1,000)	107,975
Software Annual Support			4,050	1,450		5,500
Software Technical Support			3,000		(1,425)	1,575
Employee Training			11,075	4,550		15,625
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums			18,475	425		18,900
Electronic Equipment Repair & Maintenance			4,600	6,050		10,650
Equipment Replacement			8,350	6,375		14,725
<u>Community Development Housing Grant</u>						
Recording Fees			-	200		200

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				Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>2019 Homeland Security Grant</u>							
Postage				-	25		25
Travel, Lodging & Meals				-	25		25
Mileage Reimbursement				-	825		825
<u>2020 Homeland Security Grant</u>							
Salaries & Wages: Full Time				6,500	4,125		10,625
Retirement				2,200	1,675		3,875
Social Security & Medicare				550	350		900
Health Insurance				900	475		1,375
Employee Training				2,200		(1,100)	1,100
Contracted Services				1,000		(500)	500
Mileage Reimbursement				1,500		(750)	750
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance				100		(75)	25
<u>Child Care</u>							
<u>Child Care - Probate</u>							
Family Foster Care: Private Agent				30,000		(15,000)	15,000
Detention & Non-Secure: Other County				1,000	4,875		5,875
Institutional Care: Private				88,125		(3,725)	84,400
<u>Child Care - In Home Services</u>							
Salaries & Wages: Full Time				117,900	14,250		132,150
Retirement				62,825	5,775		68,600
Social Security & Medicare				9,325	975		10,300
Health Insurance				19,925	5,025		24,950
Telephone				375	1,650		2,025
<u>Building Authority Operation</u>							
Per Diem				225		(125)	100
Legal Services				225		(200)	25
Contracted Services				14,000	3,500		17,500
Property & Liability Insurance Premiums				3,950	200		4,150
Building Repair & Maintenance				9,050		(3,500)	5,550
Miscellaneous				250	125		375
					142,200	(83,575)	
						58,625	

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				Current			Amended
<u>Description</u>				<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sheriff Road Patrol</u>							
Current Property Taxes				623,000		(250)	622,750
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes				-	325		325
Housing PILT: Longfellow Towers Apts				-	275		275
Housing PILT: Birch Lake Apartments				-	175		175
Housing PILT: Lawndale Apartments				-	125		125

PILT - Personal Property Tax Loss		-	28,725		28,725
Commercial Forest Specific		-	150		150
Industrial Facility Tax		1,425	200		1,625
Vehicle & Board Inspections		-	175		175
Reports		-	1,100		1,100
Interest & Dividend Income		4,050	550		4,600
Reimbursements		-	450		450
Senior Citizen Programs					
Current Property Taxes		618,000	375		618,375
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes		125	175		300
Commercial Forest Specific Taxes		-	100		100
Building Inspection					
Electrical Permits		96,550	4,175		100,725
Mechanical Permit Plan Review Fees		2,575	450		3,025
Building Department Service Fees		-	450		450
Register of Deeds Automation					
Recording Fees		36,750	1,800		38,550
Community Development Housing Grant					
CDBG Program Income		-	200		200
Emergency Management Grants					
Reimbursements - 2019 Grant		-	875		875
Reimbursements - 2020 Grant		-	4,200		4,200
Child Care - Probate					
Probate Child Care Grants		254,000	13,825		267,825
			58,875	(250)	
Net increase (decrease)				58,625	

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

July 07, 2022 totaling \$710,655.45; and
 July 21, 2022 totaling \$298,894.71; 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.

Motion by R. Bacon and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mid Michigan Community Action Agency and TrueNorth Community Services are seeking support for their applications for a Michigan Housing Opportunities Promoting Energy Efficiency (MI-HOPE) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending that the County Board approve the attached letters of support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached letters of support for Mid Michigan Community Action Agency and TrueNorth Community Services applications for a Michigan Housing Opportunities Promoting Energy Efficiency (MI-HOPE) Grant and directs the Board Chair to sign said letters on their behalf.

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, the 2021 Audit Report has been presented.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the receipt of the 2021 Audit Report.

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 per corner rate for Remonumentation Surveyors has not increased since 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending increasing the compensation for a full corner from \$1,200.00 to \$1,250.00 and the compensation for revisiting a corner from \$600.00 to \$650.00 for the 2023 contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is also recommending allocating an additional \$400.00 for a 2022 corner that was completely obliterated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves increasing the compensation for a full corner from \$1,200.00 to \$1,250.00 and the compensation for revisiting a corner from \$600.00 to \$650.00 for the 2023 contracts and allocating an additional \$400.00 for a 2022 corner; funds to come from the state grant in 2023 and contingency in 2022.

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 Mason County Council on Aging has updated their bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Council on Aging is requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached amended bylaws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the amended bylaws of the Mason County Council on Aging and directs the Board Chair to sign them on their behalf.

Moved for your approval

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Treasurer Kmetz was not present due to being at conference. The Treasurer’s report was emailed previously.

Clerk Kelly passed out the Clerk’s report for review. All departments’ budgets seem to be about on track for a little past half-way during the year.

August 2, 2022 Primary Election certification results were submitted to the State on Friday last week. The election process went smoothly. No significant issues, very low turnout at 27.51%. Candidates need to watch for nominating paperwork coming in the mail. Precinct Delegates were elected and informed via mail, as well as the local Party Chairs. Staff is working diligently on the November election. Deadline for proposals is next Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 4 p.m. There are open seats on school boards and Village boards.

Courts continue to keep us busy, as well as the everyday requests that come into our office. Lots of marriage license applications in the past few days. Cpl’s continue to be on the rise and issued from our office. I will be attending conference at the end of the month for more continuing education on elections.

Commissioner Squires, having just attended Pere Marquette Charter Township’s meeting, inquired about Absentee Voting ballots noting that the PM Clerk stated that they had 50% AV Ballots and 50% vote in person ballots and wanted to know if this was the normal. He was informed by Clerk Kelly that PM Township maintains what is called a Permanent AV voter list as they have the staff and funding capabilities to process. AV ballots are processed on Election Day along with regular ballots by an AV team. He was informed that not all jurisdictions maintain a Permanent AV List due to the costs incurred to the township/city.

Administrator Knizacky noted that his office has started the process of moving to the Mason County Airport terminal and hope to be fully moved in by the end of the week; and up and running by Monday August 15.

Public comment: None

Other business: Commissioner Squires inquired about the status of the broadband project and was informed by Administrator Knizacky that Great Lakes Energy is sending a proposal at the end of August. Discussion ensued noted that True Stream is being seen throughout the County.

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Commissioner Squires also inquired about the solar farm located north of town and if there are any zoning issues. He was informed by Chair Andersen that the Zoning Board has not seen activity by the landowner.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR