

November 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.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 M. Nichols. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of a request for 2,000 additional part-time corrections hours. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 budget work session meeting and the October 8, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Evelyn Bergaila of Riverton Township spoke about the language in the Master Plan on page 2-7 regarding citizen involvement and felt the county did not meet the standard that was included in the plan. She also expressed disappointment on the enforcement of the flicker limitation for wind turbines and felt the turbines that created flicker on the Shineldecker property should have been shut down.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason has applied for access to the Integrated Public Alert Warning System and has received approval to receive access; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink is recommending that the County of Mason approve the attached Integrated Public Alert Warning System Memorandum of Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Integrated Public Alert Warning System Memorandum of Agreement and directs the Board Chair to sign any necessary documents.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by J. Lenius 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 Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the 2010 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of the attached goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason needs to adopt 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 West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and Mason County and authorizes the Board Chair to sign these documents and all related forms on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Commissioner C. VanderWall informed the County Board that the Building, Planning and Drains Committee at their last meeting had voted not to interview applicants for the Planning Commission due to the fact there was a withdrawal which left three candidates vying for the three positions to be appointed. There were no objects from the full County Board regarding this decision by the Building, Planning and Drains Committee.

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Mason County, Michigan on November 12, 2013, Commissioner VanderWall offered, and Commissioner Posma supported the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) Act 33 of 2008 authorizes the Mason County Planning Commission to prepare and amend a Master Plan for the use, development, and preservation of all lands in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission proposed amendments to the Master Plan and submitted the plan to the Mason County Board of Commissioners for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of Commissioners authorized distribution of the proposed updated Master Plan on May 14, 2013 to the notice group entities identified in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, Mason County noticed and distributed the proposed updated Master Plan for the required review and comment period per the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 24, 2013 to consider public comment on the proposed updated Master Plan and to further review and comment on the proposed updated Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission finds that the proposed updated Master Plan is desirable and proper and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adoption of the 2013 Master Plan Recommended. The Mason County Planning Commission recommended for approval the proposed 2013 Mason County Master Plan at the September 24, 2013 meeting, including all of the chapters, figures, maps and tables contained therein.

2. Distribution to the Mason County Board of Commissioners and Notice Group. Pursuant to MCL 125.3843 the Mason County Board of Commissioners has asserted by resolution its right to approve or reject the proposed updated Master Plan and therefore the approval signifies a final recommendation to the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

3. Findings of Fact. The Mason County Board of Commissioners has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the County, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, a review of the most recent demographic data available, input received from the public, and with the assistance of a professional planning group, and finds that the updated Master Plan will accurately reflect and implement the County's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands in the Mason County.

Community Planner, Lynée Wells of Williams and Works, gave a brief presentation of the work conducted by the Mason County Planning Commission over the last 18 months. Demographics had been updated with facts from the 2010 census and a random survey of 200 residents and 599 computer responses over the internet from the general public as well as an initial meeting in October of 2012 attended by 70 people had provided input for the update. The Master Plan update is more of a refinement of the existing plan than a wholesale change according to Ms. Wells.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Commissioner J. Lenius, Commissioner B. Carpenter, Commissioner C. Lange, Commissioner C. VanderWall, Commissioner M. Nichols, Commissioner J. Andersen, Commissioner T. Posma

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution declared adopted on this 12th day of November, 2013.

Chairman

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has approved a 6-Unit T-Hanger project for the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of the attached agreement with Prein & Newhof, Inc. to provide the design work for this project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for a 6-Unit T-Hanger project at the Mason County Airport; funds to come from the Airport Improvement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Board Chair Charles M. Lange is hereby directed to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Michigan State University Extension has proposed the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason and further directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County of Mason and the Mason County District Library and the citizens they serve, that the County continue to provide accounting services for the Library.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Accounting Services Agreement with the Mason County District Library for 2014 and further directs the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Commissioner Andersen informed all in attendance of the recent renovation done at the Tallman Senior Center through the Lowe's Hero's project and thanked all who had volunteered to work on the project as well as Lowes for providing the materials. Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the workload, related to wind turbine special land use permit, has increased to the point where additional hours are required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a temporary increase in the hours for the Building & Zoning Director from 32 hours per week to up to 36 hours per week effective as of November 12, 2013 until December 30, 2013; funds to come from contingency.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Summit Township has asked the County of Mason to provide assessing services for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the attached agreement with Summit Township.

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

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, and 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 October 10, 2013 totaling \$471,186.56 and October 24, 2013 totaling \$493,099.04; 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

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has met with representatives of Johnson Controls, Inc. to discuss options for increasing the efficiency of the county buildings; and

WHEREAS; the Committee has reviewed the attached Performance Contracting Project Development Agreement and is recommending approval of it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason hereby adopts the attached Performance Contracting Project Development Agreement; funds to come from the Public Improvement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the County Chair to sign the Agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

David Gehrls and Chris McNaughton of Johnson Controls Incorporated Building Solutions gave a brief presentation regarding the Performance Contracting Project Agreement. The company feels projects that were identified in the initial survey would save Mason County 21% in utility costs.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS; Sheriff Cole has requested 2,000 additional corrections part-time hours for the period of December 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 due to a number of corrections officers being off work due to injuries and maternity leave; and

WHEREAS; the Corrections/Clerical union has voted to agree with this request.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the request for 2,000 additional corrections part-time hours for the period of December 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 and directs the Board Chair to sign any necessary documents; funds to come from the fund balance of the Jail Operations Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for November 12, 2013.

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

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| Budget Stabilization | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Jail Operations | \$118,175.00 |
| Equipment Replacement | \$ 7,425.00 |
| Airport Operations | \$ 40,450.00 |
| Property & Liability Insurance | \$ 40,000.00 |

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education, work-force development, regional planning and transportation agencies, local and state government, and private companies; and

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative will serve a 13 county area which includes over 340 local governments, 5 higher education institutions, 6 Work Force Boards, 3 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, 2 Regional Planning Agencies, 3 Rural Transportation Task Forces, and many Economic Development and non-profit organizations; and

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WHEREAS, only the four existing metropolitan planning and regional planning agencies in our 13 county region are qualified to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission and the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development commission have requested that Grand Valley Metropolitan Council be the sole applicant and fiduciary agency for the grant on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Shirley Smith reviewed the October 2013 Treasurer's report and answered questions.

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

Administrator Knizacky reported the jail and fairgrounds projects are wrapping up and should be completed by the end of November. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority audit findings that had previously been discussed have now been finalized and the \$23,650 that had been approved will need to be paid back to the state. The Michigan Tax Commission has approved the tax multipliers that had previously been approved by the Wind Coalition for the next two years.

Public comment:

- Michigan State University District Coordinator Kay Cummings thanked the County Board for the approval of the work plan and also informed the board that the term of Clare Reeds on the citizen advisory board will expire December 31, 2013. Coordinator Cummings also stated that she plans to introduce her replacement as the new District Coordinator at the December County Board meeting.

Any Unfinished Business:

- Commissioner Lenius asked that Administrator Knizacky send a thank you note to Lowes on behalf of the County Board for their help with the Tallman Senior Center renovation.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN