

August 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.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 Chairman Lange. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of the Crime Victim Rights funding Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Chairman Lange read a resolution from Huron County opposing HB4785 and asked commissioners if they were interested in passing a resolution opposing the legislation as well. After some additional discussion a motion was made by J. Lenius and seconded by M. Nichols to have Administrator Knizacky prepare a resolution for the Public Safety & Courts Committee to consider and recommend to the full County Board. **Motion carried.**

- Chairman Lange also informed the Board of the resolution he had just received that was not included in the agenda packet from Huron County supporting SB395 regarding publically funded health insurance and PA152 of 2011.

Public Comment:

Kevin Hughes of District Health Department #10 asked commissioners to support the resolution on the agenda regarding the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Introduction:

Dr. Lisa Hotovy, Ph.D. was introduced to the County Board as the new Executive Director of the West Michigan Community Mental Health System by Rich Vandenhuevel who is taking on the role of the Executive Director of the newly formed Lakeshore Regional Mental Health System. Dr. Hotovy has served as the Deputy Director for Service Enhancement for West Michigan Community Mental Health and is a Hamlin Township resident.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Prosecuting Attorney Spaniola is recommending the approval of a Crime Victim Rights Funding Agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the County of Mason and the Prosecutor.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to increase public awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness in order to reduce injury and loss of life in hazardous circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, being prepared includes staying informed about potential hazards that could affect the community, developing an emergency plan that includes places to go and who to contact during an emergency, and creating an emergency supply kit containing items that will help individuals and their families survive for at least three days in the event of an emergency; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Police, the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board, and the Mason County Emergency Management Office are committed to helping citizens and communities prepare before an emergency strikes; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month and throughout the year, Mason County joins with the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board in promoting the “Be Mitten Ready” campaign and encourages the public to visit the [www.bemittenready.com](http://www.bemittenready.com) web site for information and resources regarding the importance of emergency preparedness in Michigan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County urges all county residents to educate themselves and prepare for emergencies and declares September 2013 as Preparedness Month in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan and the County of Mason have historically worked together to provide for Secondary Road Patrol Programs.

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Cole is recommending approval of the submittal of the attached application for fiscal year 2014.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the submittal of the attached Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application for fiscal year 2014 and directs the Board Chair to sign all necessary documents on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Lenius

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink is recommending the attached agreement with Alex Wojtecki.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the County of Mason and Alex Wojtecki.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by M. Nichols 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 38 gas masks, mask canisters, and clear outsert assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason needs to approve a 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 with Commissioner VanderWall voting nay.  
(Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, a State can expand its Medicaid program to cover individuals and families earning up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Line. It is estimated that an additional 500,000 adults in Michigan will be covered under such expansion; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mason County has approximately 16.9% of its population between 18-64 not covered by health insurance based upon Michigan Department of Community Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data from 2006-11; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1,600 adults between 18-64 in Mason County have an annual income under 133% of the poverty level and could be covered by the Healthy Michigan Plan if approved by Michigan's Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, without the expansion, approximately 2,132 Tencon Health Plan members in District Health Department #10 service area will have no coverage options at all because their income is below 100% of poverty, thus, by law, these individuals cannot buy subsidized coverage through the insurance exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who have access to healthcare coverage miss fewer days of work, develop healthier lifestyles, and cost less when they get sick; and

**WHEREAS**, opting out of the Medicaid Program expansion will continue to place an economic burden on hospitals and other health care providers who will not be reimbursed for services they may provide.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to protect the health of all its citizens, especially those most in need, and to strive to improve the health outcomes of residents, the Mason County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the State of Michigan to participate in the passage of the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Moved for your consideration.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Carr Communications has requested an easement on county-owned airport property to install a fiber optic line; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached easement agreement with Carr Communications.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached easement agreement with Carr Communications and further directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for August 13, 2013.

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

Jail Operations	\$112,175.00
Airport Operations	\$ 31,800.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Employee Vacation & Sick Leave	\$ 15,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Life EMS, Inc. is requesting \$121,947.00 to purchase a new ambulance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the approval of this purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of an ambulance; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

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Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink is recommending the attached agreement with Brandon Quillan.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the County of Mason and Brandon Quillan.

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**, the Mason County Council on Aging is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve payment of a supplemental appropriation to the Tallman Lake Senior Center.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the payment of a supplemental appropriation of \$3,000.00 to the Tallman Lake Senior Center; funds to come from the Senior Citizens Fund and further authorizes the payment of \$3,500.00 of Tallman Lake Senior Center's fall appropriation in August.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by B. Carpenter 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 attached list of radios; 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. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen 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 2013 General Fund budget amendments as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending a change order to mill a butt joint, prep, and overlay 1.5" asphalt on the entrance road of the fairgrounds at a cost of \$14,493.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a change order to mill a butt joint, prep, and overlay 1.5" asphalt on the entrance road of the fairgrounds at a cost of \$14,493; funds to come from contingency.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated July 5, 2013 totaling \$122,527.73, and July 18, 2013 totaling \$570,522.32; 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.

Commissioner Nichols noted a possible conflict of interest with check # 68228.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange, M. Nichols, T. Posma

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) desires to eliminate local turf issues, build local partnerships, enhance communications and develop a better understanding of the economic development process in the County of Mason by involving representation of local units of government that play an important economic development role in the County of Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Mason County EDC Board also serve on the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the EDC recommends the following individual, by virtue of his position, be appointed to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors for the following term:

Pere Marquette Charter Township Supervisor Paul Keson December 31, 2017

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. Paul Keson to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board by virtue of their positions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this individual will be automatically removed from the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board if he no longer holds his respective position as outlined above and his position replacement would require formal approval by the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

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**, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires Airports receiving federal funding to periodically undergo an airport consultant procurement process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Office of Aeronautics has advised the County of the need to perform this process.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the establishment of the Airport Consultant Selection Committee and names Commissioner Curt VanderWall, Commissioner Janet Andersen, Commissioner Tom Posma, Airport Manager Dave Johnson and Administrator Fabian Knizacky to said committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

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

Administrator Knizacky updated the County Board on the following projects: 1) Campground entrance building is substantially completed and a ribbon-cutting and Open House will take place on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., 2) the ductwork cleaning project at the jail is scheduled to be completed by August 16<sup>th</sup>, 3) the rehabilitation project at the jail will start the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 4) the fairgrounds project is 1/2 done with paving scheduled to start the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>, and 5) the tuck pointing at the courthouse should be completed by mid-September.

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Public comment:

- Michigan State University Extension Home Ownership Educator Michael S. Krauch updated the County Board on the progress of the “Step-Forward” program which now has residents applying for financial help with home ownership. Mr. Krauch also announced he will be teaching three classes to help with home buyer education through the West Shore Community College Enrichment Series Classes.

Any Unfinished Business: None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

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CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN