

April 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport Terminal 5300 W. US 10 Ludington, MI.

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

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

Invocation was given by J. Hartley 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 S. Hull and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: Rebecca Robinson, Branch Township, provided the Board with Lincoln Day Dinner information.

➤ *Equalization Director Tony Meyaard* presented the 2023 Equalization Report. No factors in the report this year and all values are assessed as is. Taxable values were noted to have increased 11.42% and assessed values at 11.42%. Sales are slow but prices are not. These types of increases in numbers have not been seen since 2007.

➤ *Airport Manager John O'Connor* presented the 2022 Airport Annual report noting industry wide 2022 was a good year. Multiple successful events took place at the Airport.

➤ *West Michigan Community Mental Health System Dr. Lisa Hotovy-Williams*, presented the 2022 Community Mental Health annual report. Noted is that staffing is back in the office full time. Technology advancements have been adapted to, but they have found that in-person visits are the best. There has been an increase of 4.9% in service over the last year. Overdose rates are at an all-time high. Noted and appreciated has been the representation by Commissioner Bacon on the WMCMH Board. Multiple questions were asked by Commissioners. Dr. Hotovy-Williams provided a hand-out for the Board.

➤ *Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole*, presented the 2022 annual report. Staffing issues still plague the Road Patrol, as there are still two unfilled positions since October of 2021 when the Sheriff moved the officer's to the School Resource Program for Ludington Elementary and Mason County Eastern Schools.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Amber Township has requested that the Treasurer's Office collect taxes for the township for the period of July 1, 2023 until March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Treasurer Kmetz has negotiated the attached agreement with Amber Township; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of this agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners approves the attached agreement with Amber Township and authorizes the Board Chair and County Treasurer to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger.

Motion by N. Krieger and seconded by G. Castonia to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector Thomas Story is retiring; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the attached agreements with Tom Cosenza.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreements between the County of Mason and Tom Cosenza and directs the Board Chair to sign the agreements on its behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) N. Krieger.

Motion by L. Squires and seconded by S. Hull 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 2020 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of barricades; 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

February 2, 2023 totaling \$444,768.59: and
February 16, 2023 totaling \$797,787.32.

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) J. Andersen, R. Bacon, 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, the Mason County Planning Commission has updated their bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission is requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve amending their bylaws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the amended bylaws of the Mason County Planning Commission.

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, Airport Manager O’Connor and Administrator Knizacky received an inquiry about the possibility of a private company leasing space in the Mason County Airport Terminal to provide airport related services; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee believes the full Board of Commissioners should decide if this is an appropriate use of county facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes Airport Manager O’Connor and Administrator Knizacky to continue to meet with this company for the purpose of negotiating an agreement to bring back to the Board of Commissioners to consider.

Moved for your approval.

Discussion took place on the use of space at the terminal, leasing of office space to an outside entity. Due to the outside entity request, the BPDA Committee wished to have the full Board decided on renting of space. The entity in question is an airport related business.

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, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for April 11, 2023.

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

Road Patrol	\$187,500.00
Friend of the Court	\$146,750.00
Indigent Defense	\$ 38,375.00
Jail Operations	\$168,250.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 75,268.75
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 11,250.00

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 Logan Township Board of Election Commissioners (“Township Election Commission”) is charged with the possession and control of voting equipment owned and used by the township under the provisions of the Michigan Election Law, 1954 P.A. 116, MCL 168.1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Election Commission does not have adequate storage space for all of its electronic voting equipment and has asked the County Clerk to store some equipment on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, Mason County Clerk Kelly has offered to store these items for the Township Election Commission and is willing to hold the equipment in safekeeping in a locked, secure area; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of Mason County for the County Clerk to store this electronic voting equipment in a safe, secure facility where it will be protected from damage and available for the statutorily required public tests; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement to Store Voting Equipment between the County of Mason and the Logan Township Election Commission and directs the Mason County Clerk and Chairperson of the Mason County Board of Commissioners to sign said agreement on its behalf.

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

MASON COUNTY 2024 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET							
					2024	2024	
	2021	2022	2023		PRELIMINARY	PRELIMINARY	2024
<u>Description</u>	<u>AUDITED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
Board of Commissioners	147,751	131,315	148,000		148,000	148,000	-
Michigan Association of Counties	10,875	10,873	10,875		10,875	10,875	-
Juvenile Court Administrator	61,482	129,340	97,850		97,850	97,850	-
Tax Allocation Boards	277,120	330,695	373,800		435,125	435,125	-
Clerk	1,254	1,268	1,400		1,400	1,400	-
Audit	524,813	589,601	696,250		676,350	676,350	-
Remonumentation	23,018	25,512	28,300		36,000	36,000	-
Copy Machine & Fax	33,628	35,893	36,300		36,300	36,300	-
Treasurer's Office	16,959	11,876	19,700		19,700	19,700	-
Equalization Dept.	398,560	423,144	459,625		468,375	468,375	-
Election & Canvassers	509,317	475,818	478,775		528,600	528,600	-
County Maintenance	28,237	61,278	87,600		163,200	163,200	-
Register of Deeds	164,159	137,699	167,625		173,675	170,525	-
Courthouse Maintenance	279,949	317,630	335,825		350,650	350,650	-
Maintenance - Scottville Complex	164,391	163,729	152,300		153,975	153,975	-
Jail Annex Building	19,944	23,214	29,150		30,975	29,150	-
Circuit Court	17,941	19,273	31,425		33,625	31,425	-
District Court	445,913	486,056	572,175		622,000	600,000	-
Probate Court	704,698	732,613	771,075		818,650	817,650	-
Prosecutor's office	700,097	611,749	695,000		671,025	671,025	-
Family Counseling Service	773,091	785,584	914,100		962,475	951,475	-
Jury Commission	-	-	4,000		4,000	4,000	-
Courthouse Security	13,010	11,597	16,200		16,200	16,200	-
Probation/Parole	-	156,178	271,600		274,650	274,650	-
Emergency Planning	3,333	3,030	8,025		8,025	8,025	-
Animal Control	127,435	124,048	161,950		164,750	164,750	-
Dept. of Public Works	180,840	224,385	227,125		233,625	233,625	-
Drain Commissioner	50,750	32,500	35,075		36,200	36,200	-
Drains at Large	277,945	337,598	376,175		396,100	395,950	-
Health Department Building	1,952	-	26,400		2,300	2,300	-
Medical Examiner	78,458	73,452	79,600		82,475	79,600	-
Veteran's Burial	123,269	108,342	151,000		151,000	151,000	-
	12,300	6,600	21,100		21,100	21,100	-

Veteran's Affairs Grant	45,053	50,353	59,500	61,175	61,175	-
Zoning Dept.	133,140	206,999	258,450	258,375	258,375	-
County Plat Board	-	-	300	300	300	-
Cooperative Extension	104,976	107,899	111,000	128,500	128,500	-
Regional Planning	7,634	7,686	7,650	7,650	7,650	-
Economic Development	-	27,925	19,950	34,950	34,950	-
Parks & Recreation	1,475	4,898	4,000	10,000	10,000	-
Fairgrounds	6,646	24,690	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
Employee Benefits	208,369	-	-	-	-	-
Contingency	-	-	63,250	100,000	99,475	-
	<u>6,679,782</u>	<u>7,012,340</u>	<u>8,016,500</u>	<u>8,437,200</u>	<u>8,392,475</u>	-
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MASON COUNTY 2024 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2024
	AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	FINAL
APPROPRIATIONS - OTHER:						
UNITED WAY - 2-1-1 SERVICE	500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
DISTRICT #10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	186,084	186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519	-
MASON/LAKE SOIL CONSERVATION	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	-
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROG.	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	139,750	139,625	139,750	139,750	139,750	-
911 CENTER	157,546	158,888	158,625	158,625	158,825	-
LAKESHORE REGIONAL PARTNERS	<u>77,740</u>	<u>89,645</u>	<u>81,200</u>	<u>89,650</u>	<u>89,650</u>	-
	<u>587,620</u>	<u>602,677</u>	<u>594,094</u>	<u>602,544</u>	<u>602,744</u>	-
APPROPRIATIONS TO COUNTY FUNDS:						
102. BUDGET STABILIZATION	-	-	-	-	-	-
192. WELFARE CHILD CARE	113,600	-	100,000	139,100	100,000	-
207. ROAD PATROL	2,153,300	2,191,475	2,245,600	2,476,350	2,398,000	-
215. FRIEND OF THE COURT	560,000	570,000	587,000	639,500	615,000	-
225. JUNK ORDINANCE	5,900	6,700	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
227. LANDFILL PERPETUAL CARE	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
230. EMPLOYEE VACATION & SICK PAY	-	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
260.. INDIGENT DEFENSE	153,500	153,500	153,500	153,500	153,500	-
266. JAIL OPERATIONS	1,669,600	1,944,475	2,019,000	2,065,800	2,042,800	-
269. LAW LIBRARY	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
290. SOCIAL WELFARE	24,000	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
292. PROBATE CHILD CARE	269,000	411,000	301,075	300,000	300,000	-
402. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	259,225	715,075	271,775	289,525	279,025	-
470. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	567,391	1,312,956	442,956	442,956	442,956	-

481. AIRPORT - IMPROVEMENT	823,000	62,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	-
581. AIRPORT - OPERATING	149,800	152,800	166,000	166,000	166,000	-
676. INS. - LIABILITY	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
677. INS. - WORKER'S COMPENSATION	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
678. INS. - HEALTH, PENSION, & LIFE	<u>540,000</u>	<u>731,550</u>	<u>322,000</u>	<u>322,000</u>	<u>322,000</u>	-
	<u>7,393,316</u>	<u>8,396,531</u>	<u>6,850,406</u>	<u>7,236,231</u>	<u>7,060,781</u>	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	<u>14,660,718</u>	<u>16,011,548</u>	<u>15,461,000</u>	<u>16,275,975</u>	<u>16,056,000</u>	-
						3.85%

FUND 470 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

SHERIFF STORAGE BUILDING	174,000	174,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
AIRPORT TERMINAL	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	-
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	-
TRANSMISSION TOWER	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
PARKS 102 FIFTH STREET	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
JAIL	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	-
JAIL ANNEX BUILDING	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING	59,891	59,891	59,456	59,456	59,456	-
COURTHOUSE STEPS	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
COURTHOUSE BUILDING & GROUNDS	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	-
	<u>567,391</u>	<u>567,391</u>	<u>442,956</u>	<u>442,956</u>	<u>442,956</u>	-
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MASON COUNTY 2024 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2024
	AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY APPROVED	FINAL
FUND 402 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
AIRPORT EQUIPT.& VEHICLE	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	-
DPW & DRAIN COM. COMPUTERS	500	500	500	500	500	-
DPW & DRAIN COM. GIS	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	-
AMBULANCE	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
COURTHOUSE SECURITY SYSTEM	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	-
DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT COMPUTERS	4,800	4,800	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
SHERIFF'S FIREARMS	-	-	9,075	9,075	9,075	-
ROAD PATROL BODY CAMERAS	-	-	8,350	8,350	8,350	-
TAX SYSTEM COMPUTERS	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-

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PROBATE EQUIP. & FURNITURE	500	500	500	500	500	-
ACCOUNTING SYSTEM COMPUTERS	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLES	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
MAINTENANCE VEHICLE	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
PHONE SYSTEMS	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
GENERAL COMPUTER REPLACEMENT	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
SHERIFF SERVERS	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
SHERIFF OFFICE DIVING EQUIPMENT	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
SHERIFF OFFICE DIVE TRAILER	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
FORENSIC COMPUTING SCHOOL SERT EQUIPMENT	3,500	3,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
& TRAILER	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
ROAD PATROL TOTAL STATION	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
SHERIFF RADAR EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
ROAD PATROL SOFTWARE	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	-
SHERIFF RADIOS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
SHERIFF VEHICLES	85,000	85,000	100,000	118,000	110,000	-
IN CAR CAMERAS	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
SHERIFF'S MARINE BOAT	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
SHERIFF COMPUTERS & EQUIP.	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
SHERIFF'S BALLISTIC VESTS	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
SHERIFF'S CANINE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
AERIAL PHOTOS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
CLERK COPIERS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
CLERK IMAGING EQUIPMENT	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
ZONING EQUIPMENT	400	400	400	400	400	-
COURTROOM EQUIPMENT	500	500	500	500	500	-
COURTHOUSE VEHICLE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
TOWER GENERATOR	250	250	250	250	250	-
SHERIFF'S TASERS	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
VITAL RECORDS SOFTWARE SERVER	19,825	19,825	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
REGISTER OF DEEDS FURNITURE	-	-	2,000	-	-	-
CLERK FURNITURE	-	-	500	500	500	-
CLERK COMPUTER & PRINTERS	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
TREASURER SCANNER	-	-	750	1,000	1,000	-
PROSECUTOR FURNITURE	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
WINDOWS OFFICE SOFTWARE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
ELECTION EQUIPMENT & COMPUTERS	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,000	2,000	-
ZONING VEHICLE	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	-
	<u>259,225</u>	<u>259,225</u>	<u>271,775</u>	<u>289,525</u>	<u>279,025</u>	-

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MASON COUNTY 2024 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2024
	AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY APPROVED	FINAL
PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION	10,616,592	11,020,802	11,592,800	12,050,000	12,050,000	-
PERSONAL PROPERTY REIMBURSEMENT	553,003	1,220,077	411,000	411,000	411,000	-
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	3,015	745	2,300	1,700	1,700	-
FEDERAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX	124,332	127,630	127,625	127,625	127,625	-
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX	7,275	48,853	27,125	37,675	37,675	-
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAXES	239,340	226,406	120,000	120,000	120,000	-
OTHER TAXES & FEES	40,451	90,474	44,600	46,075	46,075	-
ZONING DEPARTMENT	14,200	18,740	14,200	16,000	16,000	-
SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENT	30,950	20,575	24,000	24,000	24,000	-
DOG LICENSES	37,710	46,745	46,700	46,650	46,650	-
ALL OTHER LICENSES & PERMITS	1,170	1,030	1,150	1,300	1,025	-
COURT EQUITY FUND	119,675	123,094	119,675	121,950	123,075	-
JUDGES SALARY STANDARDIZATION	137,172	137,172	137,150	137,150	137,150	-
PROBATE JUDGE SUPPLEMENT	121,244	127,455	121,225	127,900	127,900	-
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS SERVICE GRANT	43,080	47,783	58,575	61,175	61,175	-
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	46,699	29,041	22,500	22,500	22,500	-
FR. OF CT./INCENTIVE PROGRAM	30,336	31,697	30,300	31,700	31,700	-
C.R.P. REIMBURSEMENT	394,903	341,263	384,300	341,250	341,250	-
JUVENILE COURT OFFICER GRANT	27,317	27,317	27,300	27,300	27,300	-
VICTIMS RIGHTS	40,911	36,703	43,175	36,700	36,700	-
CONVENTION FACILITY TAX	155,480	179,289	155,475	179,275	179,275	-
TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE	17,330	18,002	17,325	18,000	18,000	-
STATE SURVEY REMONUMENTATION	33,626	35,887	36,300	36,300	36,300	-
STATE REVENUE SHARING GRANT	535,772	557,008	585,200	557,000	557,000	-
COUNTY INCENTIVE PROGRAM	125,788	125,784	125,775	125,775	125,775	-
ALL OTHER STATE GRANTS	36,380	37,618	31,675	32,825	32,825	-
ALL OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS	29,699	5,809,086	-	-	-	-
CIRCUIT COURT COSTS	16,485	20,388	16,500	22,000	20,375	-
DISTRICT COURT COSTS	101,388	60,471	52,400	52,400	52,400	-
PROBATION OVERSITE FEES	45,780	26,399	24,000	24,000	24,000	-
CIVIL FEES	56,709	51,108	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
RECORDING FEES	195,171	164,288	160,000	150,000	150,000	-
CIRCUIT COURT FEES	13,804	8,187	13,800	5,000	8,175	-
PROBATE COURT	18,467	18,017	18,000	18,000	18,000	-
COUNTY CLERK	54,177	54,740	39,000	39,000	49,100	-
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL SER.	21,787	21,440	22,000	25,000	25,000	-
PROSECUTOR	11,541	13,349	11,525	13,350	13,350	-
PRINTED & ELECTRONIC COPY SALES	14,762	11,864	14,750	11,850	11,850	-
ALL OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	127,841	117,967	116,550	112,725	113,125	-
ORDINANCE FINES & COSTS	27,315	15,923	18,000	18,000	18,000	-
BOND FORFEITURES	7,950	9,695	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	130,362	176,680	95,000	217,725	217,725	-

INVESTMENT INCOME - RESTRICTED	143,915	132,170	-	-	-	-
RENTS, LEASES	34,350	34,300	34,000	34,300	34,300	-
REIMBURSEMENTS, REFUNDS	333,360	396,667	313,400	356,050	356,050	-
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 CENTER	157,546	158,888	158,625	158,625	158,875	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	15,076,160	21,978,817	15,461,000	16,042,850	16,056,000	-
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	415,442	5,967,269	-	(233,125)	-	-
JANUARY 1, FUND BALANCE	10,152,312	10,567,755	16,535,024	16,535,024	10,494,231	10,494,231
ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE AUDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER 31, FUND BALANCE	\$10,567,755	\$16,535,024	\$16,535,024	\$16,301,899	\$10,494,231	\$10,494,231
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Moved for your approval.

Chair Andersen requested that Administrator Knizacky provide an overview of the proposed budget. Administrator Knizacky noted that the proposed budget would provide current level of service and provide funding for the Chamber’s request for EDC monies. The budget accommodates multiple changes due to retirements and staffing increases in the administrative office.

Motion carried. (Signed) R. Bacon.

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

March 02, 2023 totaling \$184,376.62; and
 March 16, 2023 totaling \$590102.17; and
 March 30, 2023 totaling \$342,966.00.

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) J. Andersen, R. Bacon, S. Hull.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the 2023 Equalization Report of the County of Mason was presented at the April 11, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Equalization Report of the County of Mason for the year 2023.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by R. Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Meade Township Board of Election Commissioners (“Township Election Commission”) is charged with the possession and control of voting equipment owned and used by the township under the provisions of the Michigan Election Law, 1954 P.A. 116, MCL 168.1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Election Commission does not have adequate storage space for all of its electronic voting equipment and has asked the County Clerk to store some equipment on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, Mason County Clerk Kelly has offered to store these items for the Township Election Commission and is willing to hold the equipment in safekeeping in a locked, secure area; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of Mason County for the County Clerk to store this electronic voting equipment in a safe, secure facility where it will be protected from damage and available for the statutorily required public tests; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement to Store Voting Equipment between the County of Mason and the Meade Township Election Commission and directs the Mason County Clerk and Chairperson of the Mason County Board of Commissioners to sign said agreement on its behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Krieger disclosed that he is the Meade Township Attorney. Commissioner Squires inquired of Clerk Kelly if she had enough space for storage. Commissioner Squires was informed that the County Clerk holds most all of the equipment and has over the years, but contracts are now necessary to do so.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is one position on the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board with a term ending October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there were five responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News and the Mason County Press from Ms. Sue Andersen, Ms. Christiane Fannesbeck, Mr. Charles Lange, Mr. Christopher Miller RN, and Dr. Charles Pollard.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Sue Andersen, Ms. Christiane Fannesbeck, Mr. Charles Lange, Mr. Christopher Miller RN, and Dr. Charles Pollard be considered for the one position on the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board with a term ending October 31, 2023.

Moved for your approval.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Andersen-
Fannesbeck-
Lange-Krieger, Castonia, Hartley, Squires, Hull, Bacon, Andersen
Miller-
Pollard-
Unanimous vote cast for Lange.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair J. Andersen and seconded by L. Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, the County of Mason filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among other companies, the following four Defendants (“Settling Defendants”):

1. Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
2. Allergan Finance, LLC (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
3. CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor); and
4. Walmart, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor);

AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements (“Proposed Settlements”) with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to the County of Mason’s lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements contain significant equitable and monetary relief, including:

1. An agreement to pay (a) up to \$3.34 billion over the next 13 years by Teva; (b) up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years by Allergan; (c) \$4.9 billion over the next ten years by CVS; and (d) \$2.74 billion within six years by Walmart. The bulk of each of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;
2. An agreement by Teva and Allergan to abide by strict limitations on their marketing, promotion, sale, and distribution of opioids, including a ban on (a) promotion and lobbying; (b) rewarding or disciplining employees based on volume of opioid sales; and (c) funding or grants to third parties; and
3. An agreement by CVS and Walmart to implement changes in how they handle opioids, including requirements addressing: their compliance structures; pharmacist judgment; diversion prevention; suspicious order monitoring; and reporting on red-flag processes, as well as blocked and potentially problematic prescribers.

AND WHEREAS the County of Mason previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements each contain a “default” allocation method where settlement funds that are allocated to a particular state to resolve the claims asserted by state and local governments within that state are allocated as follows:

- 15% of settlement proceeds paid under the Proposed Settlements are allocable to the State;
- 15% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to local governments; and
- 70% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to an opioid abatement fund;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements enable the state and local governments within a State to negotiate alternative allocation methods to the “default” allocation method referenced above;

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AND WHEREAS the County of Mason desires to enter into an alternative allocation method which allocates settlement funds on a 50/50 basis to:

1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Proposed Settlements; and
2. the State of Michigan.

AND WHEREAS the County of Mason previously executed the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, which allocated funds attributed to the State of Michigan in a streamlined and equitable manner;

NOW THEREFORE, the County of Mason authorizes the execution of Participation Agreements for: (1) the Master Settlement Agreement with Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.; (2) the Master Settlement Agreement with Allergan Finance, LLC; (3) the Master Settlement Agreement with CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; and (4) the Master Settlement Agreement with Walmart, Inc., each of which are listed and available to the public at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. Specimen copies of the material terms of the participation agreements are attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

The County of Mason also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement For Allocation of Allergan, Teva, CVS, and Walmart Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution. The County of Mason also authorizes execution of a similar state-subdivision agreement to the extent that it provides a substantially similar allocation of settlement or bankruptcy proceeds obtained from opioids litigation with any other entity.

For the avoidance of doubt, the County of Mason also authorizes its continued participation in the Distributor Settlement Agreement, the Janssen Settlement Agreement, and the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for the Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, all previously executed.

AYES: Castonia, Hartley, Squires, Hull, Bacon, Krieger, Andersen

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Mason County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Ludington, Michigan, with a quorum present.

Dated: _____

Clerk Cheryl Kelly

Commissioner Squires requested to know how much money Mason County would receive from this court settlement. He was informed \$495,000.00 with the use of funding restricted to opioid crisis issues.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

➤ Treasurer Kmetz noted the report was emailed. The Treasurer’s office completed the 2022 Tax Collection settlement. Twenty-five parcels were provided with extensions. Eleven foreclosures, with one being an occupied home to be foreclosed on. Noted was also Pere Marquette Charter Township’s request to have the County Treasurer apply for a blight grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. Treasurer Kmetz is going to be working with Supervisor Bleau on this issue.

➤ Clerk Kelly noted that the Clerk’s report was emailed. She was excited to announce that the Apex Vitals software program went live in the office on Monday. This will assist customers with obtaining vital records such as birth, marriage, death, CPL, DBA’s starting the paperwork at home and presenting to the office for a signature and leaving with the product requested. Continued work on the May 2, 2023 Special Election continues.

➤ Administrator Knizacky informed the Board that the Housing Board reviewed four proposals for emergency repairs. The office is busy submitting quarterly reports of eight grants and a Brownfield Annual Report. The Audit will start in May.

➤ **Public Comment:** Chuck Lange, Hamlin Township, thanked the Board for the confidence in their vote and noted he looks forward to serving the residents on this board.

➤ **Other business:** Chair Andersen distributed paperwork from the Impact Lakeshore Children. They have found a new office at 239 N. Jebavy Drive in the Advocacy Center. The majority of the children are from Mason County.

Chair Andersen reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming work session slated for May 22, 2023 at 7 p.m.; the County Alliance meeting on May 1, 2023 at West Shore Community College at 6 p.m.; and the upcoming Township Officer Meeting at 6 p.m. Amber Township on April 20, 2023.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR