

July 25, 2023

The special work session meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located at 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, G. Castonia, J. Hartley, L. Squires, S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon

Absent: None

Invocation was given by S. Hull 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. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Public comment: Daniel Jensen of Ludington stated that with the City recently raising taxes, an increase from the County to fund the items on the agenda would be very concerning.

Work Session: The Board reviewed the following budget requests made by various departments:

1. Judge Nellis' request for another clerical staff
2. Judge Sniegowski's request to move a temporary part-time clerical to permanent full time clerical
3. Judge Sniegowski's request for a law clerk
4. Prosecutor Kreinbrink's request for another clerical staff
5. Prosecutor Kreinbrink's request for another attorney
6. Clerk Kelly's request for another clerical staff
7. MSUE Director Kelly's request for a Tech Wizard contracted employee
8. Retiree Health Insurance for expected retirements
9. Sheriff Cole's request for a boat from the Equipment Replacement Fund
10. Addition of Finance Director or Human Resource Director
11. Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center request for funding
12. Union Negotiations

After discussion and voting, the following requests will be considered by the Board:

1. Judge Nellis' request for another clerical staff – This position would include some Family Court responsibilities currently handled in Circuit Court.
2. Retiree Health Insurance for expected retirements – Administrator Knizacky will provide the Board with this information when he has it.
3. Sheriff Cole's request for a boat from the Equipment Replacement Fund
4. Addition of Finance Director or Human Resource Director – Should be prepared for this depending on who fills the Administrator position.
5. Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center request for funding
6. Union Negotiations - Information will be supplied at a later date.

Other business: Members of the Board thanked the County Officers for their requests and Chair Andersen thanked Administrator Knizacky for his work on this process.

Public Comment: Daniel Jensen of Ludington asked the Board if they have thought about internships to aid with the need for more help. Judge Nellis thanked the Board and said he appreciates the process. Prosecutor Kreinbrink thanked the Board and stated that she serves on the Board of the Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center and would be willing to help with any questions they have.

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


LORI HOLMES, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR