

January 14, 2014

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 County Clerk Jim Riffle.

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 Clerk Riffle. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution of an appointment to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Clerk Riffle explained that the Board Chair could be elected for either a one-year or two-year term and if a one-year term was desired as in the past, a motion needed to be passed stating the term would be for one year. Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to elect the Board Chair for a one-year term. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle also explained that by law the election of the Board Chair of the County Board was the only time Commissioners were allowed to vote by secret ballot and only if a motion was passed by the full County Board. No motion was made regarding voting by secret ballot.

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations of the Board Chair position. C. VanderWall nominated Commissioner Lange. Clerk Riffle asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and with no other nominations brought forward a motion was made by C. Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter to close nominations and elect Commissioner Lange as the Mason County Board Chairman for 2014. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Riffle opened the floor for nominations for the Board Vice-Chair position. M. Nichols nominated Commissioner Carpenter and T. Posma nominated Commissioner VanderWall. Clerk Riffle asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and there being none Clerk Riffle proceeded with a roll call vote with the following results: Carpenter three votes - Carpenter, Nichols, and Andersen; VanderWall four votes - Lenius, Lange, VanderWall, and Posma. Commissioner VanderWall was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2014. Clerk Riffle then turned the meeting over to Chairman Lange who thanked his fellow Commissioners for their support in electing him as Chairman of the Board.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Lenius to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 regular meeting and the December 30, 2013 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange made reference to correspondence in the agenda packet from Jim Hissong as well as correspondence handed out prior to the meeting from AT&T and a Legislative Analysis from State Representative Franz regarding Senate Bill 636.

Public Comment:

Amber Township Supervisor Jim Gallie stated that the township's ORV ordinance became effective January 13th and also thanked the county for partnering with Amber Township in the Federal Flood Insurance program.

Wayne Schoonover introduced himself as the new Director of the Mason County Road Commission.

Jim Hissong of East Bockstanz Road in Branch Township updated Commissioners on his dealings with the Mason County Road Commission regarding the maintenance of his road. Mr. Hissong stated that the speed plow truck drivers grade his road determines whether the job is done properly or results in gravel being thrown off the road.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there are four vacancies on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms that expire on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Matt Fournier has expressed an interest in being appointed to fill one of the vacancies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Matt Fournier representing environmental interests be appointed to the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee for a term ending December 31, 2015.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary, from time to time, to review and update the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached changes to the adopted rules of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for January 14, 2014.

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

Friend of the Court	\$ 94,500.00
Junk Ordinance	\$ 8,000.00
Jail Operations	\$116,000.00
Law Library	\$ 3,750.00
Social Welfare	\$ 7,000.00
Social Welfare Child Care	\$ 19,000.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 51,750.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Health & Life Insurance	\$390,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Board of Directors has requested the appointment of a consumer to the Board from Mason County for a term expiring on December 31, 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Patsy Hagerman be appointed to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Board of Directors for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Commissioner VanderWall stated he will be involved in the search for the new education coordinator for the Michigan State University Extension Office and he will provide updates to commissioners as the process moves forward. Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the tenants at the Mason County Airport Terminal are requesting the replacement of carpeting, interior painting, and tile work; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending that the County approve the attached low bids to complete this work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached low bids for carpeting, interior painting, and tile work at the Mason County Airport Terminal; funds to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

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 2014 schedule of meetings for the Mason County Board of Commissioners requires approval.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2014 schedule of meetings.

Moved for your approval.

	Motion carried. (Signed)		M. Nichols	
JANUARY 14 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	JULY 8 th	TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 11 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	AUGUST 12 th	TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 11 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 9 th	TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.
APRIL 15 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	OCTOBER 14 th	TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.
MAY 13 th	TUESDAY	9:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 12 th	WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.
JUNE 10 th	TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER 9 th	TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.
			JANUARY 13 th , 2015	TUESDAY 9:00A.M.

Motion by M. Nichols and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board is recommending the purchase of the attached list of computers from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Building Fund; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of the attached list of computers, funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Building Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) M. Nichols

Motion by 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 December 5, 2013 totaling \$161,218.40, December 19, 2013 totaling \$432,264.80, and December 30, 2013 totaling \$477,541.61; 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

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has met with the County Administrator and have reached an agreement for the extension of his contract to December 31, 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the extension of the contract with County Administrator Fabian Knizacky to December 31, 2016 and directs the Board Chair to sign the contract extension on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Administrator Knizacky thanked the County Board for the continued support in renewing his contract.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Any Unfinished Business: There was no other business presented.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN