

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 Andersen.

Roll call was taken. Present: Hartley, Hull, Andersen, Bacon, Squires
Absent: Krieger, Johnson

Invocation was given by Hartley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America followed by all.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular meeting with a change in the public hearing comment from Commissioner Hartley noting he rode his bike 5,000 in two years not one. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: Dan Jensen, Ludington, voiced multiple concerns that he had including PFAS issues, the Master Plan, Human de-population issues, as well as an email that he sent to commissioners.

Ed Schuitema, Amber Township, requested the Board to make a Proclamation for American Bikers and Motorcycle Safety Awareness. He would like the Board to declare May as Motorcycle Awareness Month and provided the Board with a prepared proclamation.

- *Equalization Director Tony Meyaard* presented the 2024 Equalization Report.
- *Airport Manager John O'Connor* presented the 2023 Airport Annual
- *Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole*, presented the 2023 annual report.

Motion by Hartley and seconded by Squires to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$45,305.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402 to purchase a 2024 Dodge Durango; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts 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 \$45,305.00 to purchase a 2024 Dodge Durango; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hartley.

Commissioner Hartley reported that the 911 Board decided not to move forward with the millage request.

Motion by Squires and seconded by Hartley to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$66,955.34 from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402 to purchase and up fit a 2024 Dodge Durango; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Courts 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 \$66,955.34 to purchase and up fit a 2024 Dodge Durango; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of one vehicle recommended by the Sheriff.

Moved for your approval.

Public Safety and Courts Chair Squires explained to the public present the costs associated with the vehicles.

Motion carried. (Signed) Squires.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for April 09, 2024.

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

Road Patrol \$213,475.00

Friend of the Court	\$153,750.00
Indigent Defense	\$ 38,375.00
Jail Operations	\$168,250.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 90,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 11,250.00

Moved for your approval.
Motion carried. (Signed) Hull.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason-Lake Conservation District has worked cooperatively with the Conservation Districts from Manistee and Oceana Counties to develop a program for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste for the residents in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the approval of the attached agreement for services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Services between Mason County and Mason-Lake, Manistee and Oceana Conservation Districts and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.
Motion carried. (Signed) Hull.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Squires to approve the following resolution:

April 9, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Your County Equalization Department respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MCL 211.34(1) requires the county board of commissioners to meet in April each year to determine county equalized valuations; which equalization shall be completed and submitted along with the tabular statement required by Section 5 of Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended no later than May 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment rolls of the various assessment jurisdictions have been reviewed by the various local Boards of Review throughout the County of Mason and submitted to your Equalization Department in the appropriate timely manner; and

WHEREAS, those assessment rolls have been audited and balanced by the Equalization Department in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the guidelines of the State Tax Commission; the results of such being listed on the attached equalization report and on the prescribed Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4024 (County Equalization Directors Report of County Equalization); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mason County Board of Commissioners approve the County Equalized Valuations as indicated within the attached equalization report a cumulative total for Real Property of \$3,054,171,840 (Three Billion, Fifty Four Million, One Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Dollars) and a cumulative total for Personal Property of \$317,326,900 (Three Hundred Seventeen Million, Three Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars). The combined total of Real and Personal Property of the Cities and Townships in Mason County is \$3,371,498,740 (Three Billion, Three Hundred Seventy One Million, Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars).

Respectfully submitted,

MASON COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

Chairperson Vice Chairperson

Moved for your approval.
Motion carried. (Signed) Hull.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Grounds, and Committee and the Mason County Building Authority Board have been working with Post Associates on the design of a proposed restructuring of the Mason County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Post Associates has provided the attached design to the Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the design for the proposed restructuring of the Mason County Courthouse and authorizes Post Associates to proceed with the creation of bid specifications and plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Board of the County of Mason approves going out for bids for the construction of this project.

Moved for your approval.

Questions from Commissioners were asked and Chair Andersen noted that the needs of the employees and safety concerns were addressed with this proposed renovation. Commissioner Hull also offered that this is the reason why the Board made the determination to purchase the property next to the jail.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hull.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County’s claims dated

March 12, 2024 totaling \$501,444.20: and
March 26, 2024 totaling \$177,084.94.

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) Andersen, Bacon, Hull.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Clerk Kelly is requesting authorization to purchase a scanner from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a scanner for the Clerk’s office, funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the following application for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974) has been filed with the County Clerk.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>SECTION</u>
2024-01	Jacob A. Zwagerman Trust	Sherman	28

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the application for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974), in the County of Mason.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a 2025 Preliminary Budget for the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has requested and received the proposed 2025 Preliminary Budget requests from the various Department Heads of the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the proposed 2025 Preliminary Budget requests and after careful deliberations have made the necessary adjustments which allow the Committee to recommend a balanced 2025 Preliminary Budget that will meet the collective needs of the citizens served by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason adopts the attached 2025 Preliminary Budget as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

MASON COUNTY 2025 PRELIMINARY
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE
BUDGET

					2025	2025	
		2022	2023	2024	PRELIMINARY	PRELIMINARY	2025
Description		AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	REQUESTED	APPROVED	FINAL
Board of Commissioners		131,317	125,650	148,000	148,000	148,000	-
Michigan Association of Counties		10,873	10,873	10,875	10,875	10,875	-
Juvenile Court		127,492	92,442	97,850	97,850	97,850	-
Administrator		331,541	340,890	539,800	527,000	527,000	-
Tax Allocation Boards		1,268	1,137	1,425	1,425	1,425	-
Clerk		590,283	622,496	688,575	727,225	715,425	-
Audit		25,512	27,510	36,000	36,000	36,000	-
Remonumentation		35,893	43,063	36,325	36,325	36,325	-
Copy Machine & Fax		11,876	10,662	19,700	19,700	19,700	-
Treasurer's Office		424,082	440,279	474,275	496,925	496,775	-
Equalization Dept.		476,965	461,063	524,975	535,275	535,275	-
Election & Canvassers		61,203	42,241	187,125	141,750	137,250	-
County Maintenance		137,737	134,317	175,250	166,250	166,250	-
Register of Deeds		315,849	323,148	352,375	369,750	369,750	-
Courthouse Maintenance		163,860	133,686	152,300	153,300	153,300	-
Maintenance - Scottville Complex		23,214	23,662	29,150	29,150	29,150	-
Jail Annex Building		19,490	21,989	31,425	31,425	31,425	-
Circuit Court		484,365	518,840	625,075	646,675	641,075	-
District Court		735,853	736,730	797,150	836,450	836,450	-
Probate Court		607,666	642,528	779,400	781,850	781,850	-
Prosecutor's office		787,694	860,526	957,825	1,023,550	1,001,350	-
Family Counseling Service		-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Jury Commission		11,597	15,359	16,200	16,800	16,200	-
Courthouse Security		154,935	227,900	275,825	288,900	288,900	-
Probation/Parole		3,030	4,172	8,050	8,050	8,050	-
Emergency Planning		124,575	108,709	195,375	205,575	205,575	-
Animal Control		226,450	220,495	234,575	249,000	249,000	-
Dept. of Public Works		32,455	30,499	36,325	37,075	37,075	-
Drain Commissioner		338,503	354,215	393,400	413,925	412,875	-
Drains at Large		2,154	1,554	2,300	2,300	2,300	-
Health Department Building		73,504	65,522	82,475	82,475	82,475	-
Medical Examiner		108,341	138,491	166,000	166,000	166,000	-
Veteran's Burial		6,600	6,600	21,100	21,100	21,100	-
Veteran's Affairs Grant		50,183	57,901	69,800	71,425	71,425	-
Zoning Dept.		206,655	193,010	257,950	267,125	267,125	-
County Plat Board		-	-	300	300	300	-
Cooperative Extension		107,899	110,685	128,500	132,025	132,025	-
Regional Planning		7,686	7,844	7,800	7,850	7,850	-
Economic Development		27,925	19,547	43,950	68,950	43,950	-
Parks & Recreation		4,898	361	4,000	2,000	2,000	-
Fairgrounds		24,690	9,133	9,175	7,900	7,900	-
Employee Benefits		50,442	-	-	-	-	-
Contingency		-	-	20,550	100,000	83,925	-
		7,066,555	7,185,729	8,642,525	8,969,525	8,882,550	-

MASON COUNTY 2025 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET							
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	
					PRELIMINARY	PRELIMINARY	2025
Description		AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	REQUESTED	APPROVED	FINAL
APPROPRIATIONS - OTHER:							
United Way - 2-1-1 Service		1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
District #10 Health Department		186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519	-
Mason/Lake Soil Conservation		19,000	19,000	19,000	22,000	22,000	-
Household Hazardous Waste Prog.		7,000	7,000	7,000	9,000	9,000	-
Mental Health Authority		139,625	139,250	139,250	139,250	139,250	-
911 Center		158,888	158,762	158,825	158,825	158,825	-
Lakeshore Regional Partners		89,645	112,127	89,650	89,650	89,650	-
		602,177	624,658	602,244	607,244	607,244	-

APPROPRIATIONS TO COUNTY FUNDS:							
102. Budget Stabilization		-	-	-	-	-	-
192. Welfare Child Care		-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
207. Road Patrol		2,191,475	2,265,075	2,562,250	2,661,050	2,594,000	-
215. Friend of the Court		570,000	587,000	615,000	667,225	667,225	-
225. Junk Ordinance		6,700	15,200	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
227. Landfill Perpetual Care		40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-
230. Employee Vacation & Sick Pay		-	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
260.. Indigent Defense		153,500	248,500	158,000	158,000	158,000	-
266. Jail Operations		1,944,475	2,019,000	2,019,000	2,133,350	2,116,000	-
269. Law Library		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
273. Community Development		-	5,250,000	-	-	-	-
290. Social Welfare		-	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
292. Probate Child Care		411,000	401,075	361,000	406,000	406,000	-
402. Equipment Replacement		715,075	335,300	344,525	337,525	337,525	-
470. Public Improvement		1,312,956	902,956	426,956	486,956	486,956	-
481. Airport - Improvement		62,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	-
536. Land Bank Authority		-	100,000	-	-	-	-
581. Airport - Operating		152,800	294,000	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		731,550	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000	-
		8,356,531	13,015,106	7,226,231	7,589,606	7,505,206	-
Total General Fund Budget		16,025,263	20,825,493	16,471,000	17,166,375	16,995,000	-
							3.18%

FUND 470 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
Sheriff storage building		174,000	100,000	20,000	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		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
102 Fifth Street		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Jail		90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	-
Court Building at Jail site		-	50,000	20,000	50,000	50,000	-

Jail property	-	260,000	-	-	-	-
Jail Annex Building	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Mason County Land Bank	-	100,000	-	-	-	
Health Department Building	59,891	59,456	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>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>567,391</u>	<u>902,956</u>	<u>426,956</u>	<u>486,956</u>	<u>486,956</u>	<u>-</u>
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MASON COUNTY 2025 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025
FUND 402 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY REQUESTED	PRELIMINARY APPROVED	FINAL
Airport equipment & 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	70,000	70,000	-
Courthouse security system	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	-
District/Circuit Court computers	4,800	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Emergency Manage. Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Sheriff's firearms	-	9,075	9,075	9,075	9,075	-
Road Patrol body cameras	-	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	-
Tax System computers	4,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	-
Probate equip. & furniture	500	500	500	500	500	-
Accounting System computers	3,000	3,000	2,500	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	-
SRO Vehicles & equipment	-	42,575	-	-	-	-
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	3,500	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	-
SERT Equipment & 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	1,000	1,000	-
Sheriff radios	1,000	16,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Sheriff vehicles	85,000	100,000	110,000	120,000	120,000	-
In car cameras	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Sheriff's Marine Boat	3,000	3,000	71,000	10,000	10,000	-
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	2,000	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	500	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	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Animal Control vests	-	2,500	-	500	500	
Website	-	3,450	-	1,000	1,000	

Register of Deeds furniture	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Clerk furniture	-	500	500	500	500	-
Clerk computer & printers	-	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	-
Treasurer scanner	-	750	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Prosecutor furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windows Office software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Election equipment & computers	2,000	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Zoning vehicle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
	259,225	335,300	344,525	337,525	337,525	-

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MASON COUNTY 2025 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET							
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	
					PRELIMINARY	PRELIMINARY	2025
Description		AUDITED	ACTUAL	AMENDED	REQUESTED	APPROVED	FINAL
Property Tax Collection		11,032,596	11,814,116	12,390,000	12,847,500	12,847,500	-
Personal Property Reimbursement		1,220,077	998,496	411,000	411,000	411,000	-
Delinquent Personal Tax		745	1,975	2,300	1,925	1,925	-
Federal Payment in lieu of tax		127,630	135,537	135,525	135,525	135,525	-
Industrial Facilities Tax		48,853	24,786	24,325	26,375	26,375	-
Real Estate Transfer Taxes		226,406	169,099	120,000	120,000	120,000	-
Other Taxes & Fees		90,474	84,119	44,475	32,600	32,600	-
Zoning Department		18,740	17,725	19,900	17,725	17,725	-
Soil Erosion & Sediment		20,575	21,700	21,750	23,000	21,700	-
Dog licenses		46,745	44,980	44,500	44,975	44,975	-
All other Licenses & Permits		1,030	1,180	1,050	1,300	1,050	-
Court Equity Fund		123,094	130,112	128,350	130,100	130,100	-
Judges Salary Standardization		137,172	137,172	137,150	137,150	137,150	-
Probate Judge Supplement		127,455	135,762	127,500	135,750	135,750	-
Veteran's Affairs Service Grant		47,783	50,828	68,800	68,800	68,800	-
Emergency Preparedness		30,335	22,358	34,500	22,350	22,350	-
Fr. of Ct./Incentive Program		31,697	34,096	31,700	34,075	34,075	-
C.R.P. Reimbursement		342,582	365,023	391,525	365,000	365,000	-
Juvenile Court Officer Grant		27,317	27,317	27,300	27,300	27,300	-
Victims' Rights		36,703	49,936	43,175	43,175	43,175	-
Convention Facility Tax		179,289	224,254	179,275	201,375	201,375	-
Township Liquor License		18,002	18,377	17,575	18,375	18,375	-
State Survey Remonumentation		35,887	40,342	36,300	36,300	36,300	-
State Revenue Sharing Grant		557,008	596,290	627,600	627,600	627,600	-
County Incentive Program		125,784	125,781	125,775	125,775	125,775	-
All other State Grants		37,618	33,108	35,250	33,100	33,100	-
All other Federal Grants		5,809,086	153,165	-	-	-	-
Circuit Court Costs		13,781	22,387	21,175	22,000	21,800	-
District Court Costs		60,471	88,183	63,000	63,000	63,000	-
Probation Oversight Fees		26,399	30,040	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Civil Fees		51,108	47,306	47,000	47,000	47,000	-
Recording Fees		164,288	133,410	140,000	130,000	130,000	-
Circuit Court Fees		8,187	10,501	10,300	5,000	10,500	-
Probate Court		18,017	15,564	13,950	15,550	15,550	-
County Clerk		54,840	51,959	51,000	39,000	51,950	-
Inter-Departmental Personnel Ser.		21,440	19,327	18,150	19,700	19,700	-
Prosecutor		13,349	5,217	7,500	5,200	5,200	-
Printed & Electronic Copy Sales		11,864	11,000	15,000	11,000	11,000	-
All other Charges for Services		122,351	121,398	111,675	118,775	120,950	-
Ordinance Fines & Costs		15,923	24,973	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Bond Forfeitures		9,695	6,425	7,500	3,500	6,425	-
Investment Income		182,781	289,392	149,000	225,000	225,000	-
Investment Income - restricted		151,515	274,988	-	-	-	-
Gain (loss) on investments		(592,017)	-				
Rents, Leases		34,300	34,593	34,000	34,000	34,000	-

Reimbursements, Refunds	394,842	418,323	346,525	357,550	357,550	-
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 Center	158,888	158,762	158,625	158,775	158,775	-
Total General Fund Revenue	21,422,705	17,221,382	16,471,000	16,973,200	16,995,000	-
Surplus (Deficit)	5,397,442	3,604,111)	-	(193,175)	-	-
January 1, Fund Balance	10,567,755	15,965,197	12,361,086	12,361,086	12,361,086	12,361,086
Adjustments for the audit	-	-	-	-	-	-
December 31, Fund Balance	\$ 15,965,197	\$ 12,361,086	\$12,361,086	\$ 12,167,911	\$ 12,361,086	\$12,361,086
		(4)				

Moved for your approval.

Deputy Administrator Szczypka noted that the 2025 Preliminary Budget offered the same services, there were increases in the Equalization Department, 3% increase for MSU-E, increases to the Prosecutor’s office due to the need for additional training, increase inflation/wage schedule, and funding for the Chamber at the rate of \$25,000.00.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Hartley to approve the following resolution:
HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Counties without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, Mason County will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the board of Commissioners of the County of Mason feels strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community;

WHEREAS, the board of the County of Mason resolves the following:

Section 1. Mason County is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan’s passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC.

Section 2. Mason County is opposed to corporation- prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community.

Section 3. Mason County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Squires noted that this was a good resolution and inquired if other Counties were also implementing. He was informed that the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), Michigan Township Association (MTA), and Farm Bureau also are supportive of this legislation, which retains local control.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Squires to approve the following resolution:
HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the current contract with Assessing Solutions Inc. for Equalization Director services expires on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approving the attached agreement with Assessing Solutions Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement with Assessing Solutions Inc. naming Anthony Meygaard to serve as Mason County’s Equalization Director and directs the Board Chair to sign the agreement on its behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:
HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason put on the ballot, for the Senior Citizen Centers and Programs in the County of

Mason, for the August 6, 2024 primary election date a proposition for the Mason County voters providing for the 0.2979 mill maximum assessment for a period of six years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposition be certified to the County Clerk for submission to the electors of the County of Mason at the August 6, 2024 primary election:

SENIOR CITIZEN MILLAGE PROPOSAL RENEWAL

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Mason, State of Michigan, be increased by and the Mason County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed .2979 of a mill (\$0.2979 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for the period of 6 years, 2024 to 2029, inclusively, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation, maintenance or renovation/expansion of Senior Centers and Senior Citizen programs in Mason County?

This levy will generate approximately \$739,783.00 in the 2024 calendar year.

The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to submit the propositions to the electors of the County at the August 6, 2024 primary election.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Moved for your approval.

Chair Andersen noted that the Senior Center Directors, the Senior Services Coordinator, and Administrator all wished to move forward with this millage.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

➤ Treasurer Kmetz noted the report was emailed. The 2023 Tax Settlement is complete. We have purchased \$2.52 million in delinquent taxes which is about 3% higher than last year. There were 8 parcels foreclosed. Six parcels were vacant lots. There were two homes, with one occupied as a rental house and the other vacant. We have 25 parcels on extension agreements that we will be working with the property owners to get caught up and connected with tax assistance programs. The Mason County Land Bank Authority was issued notice to proceed on the two projects we applied for blight elimination grants being the Scottville schoolhouse and St. Jerome's Church. I will be meeting with our land bank consultant to put together the next steps for the projects and will be scheduling a Land Bank Authority meeting coming up to move forward on those projects. We were awarded the full \$500,000 towards those projects.

➤ Clerk Kelly noted that the Clerk's report was emailed. She thanked the Board for the approval of the scanner. She noted that the Mason County Local Clerk's Association, after much discussion, decided to move the Early Vote Site #2 to the Custer Townhall. The office is currently working on the August Primary. There will be four ballot proposals for voters to decide on, one county-wide and three township.

➤ Deputy Administrator Szczypka informed the Board that she has been working on the Chill Grant Agreement and Housing opportunities.

➤ **Public Comment:** Rebecca Robinson, Branch, invited everyone to the Lincoln Day Dinner on May 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stearns Ballroom.

➤ **Other business:** None.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR