

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 Andersen.

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner Andersen 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. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: Gene Kyle, Ludington, was pleased to see the items on the agenda that he had recommended, especially item #8. He feels live-streaming of all Board meetings is a great idea.

Work Session on Board Rules & County Policies:

The Board reviewed the following rules and policies for consideration:

1. Consideration of a seal proposal from the Michigan Association of Counties.
2. Review of the Board Rules.
3. Review of the County's Alcohol Policies.
4. Do you want us to post the full agenda packets for the Board of Commissioners meetings on the website?
5. Do you want us to post the full agenda packets for the Board committee meetings on the website?
6. Do you want us to post the full agenda packets for the other committee or commission meetings on the website?
7. Do you want microphones purchased for the meeting tables?
8. Do you want the Board of Commissioners meetings videotaped and shown on the website?
9. Do you want all contracts approved by the Board to be posted on the website?
10. Do you want your private email addresses posted to the website?
11. Do you want the Board to have County email addresses posted to the website?
12. Do you want to increase the dollar threshold on contracts requiring approval by the Board of Commissioners?
13. Do you want to increase the dollar threshold on change orders requiring approval by the Board of Commissioners?
14. Do you want to set a dollar threshold that would allow the County Administrator to approve minor purchases from the Public Improvement Fund, Automation Fund, and the Equipment Replacement Fund?
15. Do you want to provide a podium for the public comment periods?
16. Any other policies that the Board would like to discuss?

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

1. While the Commissioner's did not prefer the seal that was presented, correct the year on the seal and allow MAC to move forward. They would like to look at a better seal moving forward.
2. Board Rules-Change page 8- 6.14 eliminate reference. Commission Krieger would also like to change additional language and will provide to Administrator.
3. Alcohol prohibited on County property. Commissioners felt there should be an Ordinance written instead of policy with regards to this.
4. Yes, post to the website at the time the packets are sent to the Commissioners.
5. Post to the website at the time the packets are sent to Commissioners with a disclaimer on the website noting the items can change.
6. Administrator Knizacky will go through the lists to consider that relate specific to Board control.
7. Yes, the Board would like Administrator Knizacky to explore the option of microphones.
8. No-Bacon, Hull, Andersen. Yes-Krieger, Johnson, Hartley. Administrator Knizacky to review and bring back further information.
9. No additional contracts to be posted. Already posted are the two union employment contracts, the non-union employment contracts, and the salary schedule.
10. No personal email addresses due to FOIA concerns. Need to set up County email address by District number.
11. Once County emails for each Commissioner District, then post on the website.
12. Increase threshold to \$5,000.00.
13. Keep existing policy as Administrator wants Board to be aware of all changes at all times.
14. Authorize Administrator to approve minor purchases up to a limit of \$2,500.00.
15. Currently have a podium, where to put it would need to be considered.
16. A. On Page 50 of the current handbook/policy, add language. Commissioners Krieger, Hartley, and Johnson requested physical copies of the County Personnel and Policy book.
B. Consider changing the meal per diem.
C. Consider posting Policy Making Resolutions to website with a searchable way.
D. Consider numbering Resolutions consecutively with the year and a number for indexing purposes.

Other business: The item of Contracts was brought up by Commissioner Hartley relating to the issue

with the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Hartley wants to set a policy for oversight by the Board.

Noted by Commissioner Krieger is that the Board has a supervisory role over elected officials.

Chair Andersen noted that a tragedy occurred this past weekend involving a plane crash. She wished to acknowledge all of the first responders and emergency personnel that responded, as well as Mason County Airport Manager, John O'Connor. She noted that Mason County is fortunate to have such Community support and she is proud of the people in place.

Public Comment: Rita Copenhaver, Ludington, (previous County employee) noted that the Board notes are already posted on the County website and are searchable. She felt that a podium was not needed as there was not a suitable place to put the podium that wouldn't block the audience, and she addressed her concerns regarding live-streaming the meetings due to not all County residents having internet. She further noted that if the County is going to have an Alcohol Policy noting no alcoholic beverages on County property, then special consideration should not be given to Corporations as it is unfair to the residents of Mason County.

Bill Kerans, Scottville Senior Center Director, was very much in favor of having microphones as he was unable to hear conversations when sitting in the back of the audience. He thanked the Board for the consideration.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR