

The special 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, J. Hartley, L. Squires, S. Hull, J. Andersen, R. Bacon  
Absent: None  
Vacant: District #2 Commission Seat

Invocation was given by N. Krieger 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:** Cynthia Johnson, Ludington, read her letter of support for Jason Kirkpatrick for the open Commission seat in District 2. She passed out the letter she read to all Board members.

Deb Del Zoppo, Ludington, representative of the Mason County Road Commission, noted that the Road Commission is currently interviewing candidates due to the upcoming retirement of Manager, Mary Samuels. Seven candidates were slated to be interviewed.

Kent Collins, Pere Marquette Charter Township, voiced his supports for Jason Kirkpatrick for the open Commission seat in District 2.

Sheila Genter, Hamlin Township, Ludington, read a letter of support for Jason Kirkpatrick for the open Commission seat in District 2.

Jason Kirkpatrick, Ludington, introduced himself to the Board and provided his reasons to the Board as to why they should appointment him to the open Commission seat in District 2.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Mason County Board of Commissioners with a term expiring on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there were nine (9) eligible responses, to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News and the Mason County Press from Mr. James R. Coleman, Mr. Kevin Hackert, Mr. Timothy R. Iteen, Mr. Les Johnson, Mr. Jason Kirkpatrick, Ms. Karen L. Nielsen, Mr. Tom Rotta, Ms. Cathy Schindler, and Ms. Karen Shineldecker.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. James R. Coleman, Mr. Kevin Hackert, Mr. Timothy R. Iteen, Mr. Les Johnson, Mr. Jason Kirkpatrick, Ms. Karen L. Nielsen, Mr. Tom Rotta, Ms. Cathy Schindler, and Ms. Karen Shineldecker be considered for appointment to the District #2 vacancy on Mason County Board of Commissioners with a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Moved for your approval.

Candidates were given five minutes each to address the Board with regards to why they should be appointed to the open District 2 Commission Seat. Candidates spoke in the following order: James Coleman, Kevin Hackert, Tim Iteen, Les Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Tom Rotta, Cathy Schindler, Karen Shineldecker. Commissioners then asked questions of the candidates.

Roll Call Vote taken for the candidates:

Coleman: Hartley

Hackert:

Iteen:

Johnson: Krieger, Hull, Bacon, Andersen

Kirkpatrick: Squires

Nielsen:

Rotta:

Schindler:

Shineldecker

Mr. Johnson was appointed to fill the open District 2 Commission seat.

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 Michigan Open Meetings Act provides for closed meetings in a few specified circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the specified circumstances is to review and consider the contents of applicants who have requested confidentiality as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 Section 8 (f) for the position of Mason County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants being considered have requested confidentiality.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves entering into a closed session to review and consider the contents of applicants who have requested confidentiality as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 Section 8 (f) for the position of Mason County Administrator.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen.

**Other business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR