

May 28, 2024

The special work session of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport Terminal.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andersen.

Roll call was taken. Present: Krieger, Johnson, Hartley, Squires, Hull, Andersen, Bacon.  
Absent: None.

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by Commissioner Hartley.

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

**Reading of Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** Dave Hankwitz, 6060 Barnhart Rd., noted that he was personally affected by the opioid crisis with his family and work life. Individuals need help and jail is not an option, rehabilitation is. How can we help? Thank you for working on this issue.

**Opioid Presentation:** Deputy Administrator Szczypka reviewed a power point presentation regarding the Opioid Settlement Overview and how the Board wished to proceed with the distribution of the opioid settlement funds.

Board members are being tasked with determination of distribution of funds. Three options were presented:

Option 1: Establish a committee and grant process.

Option 2: BOC decides on an annual basis how to spend funds.

Option 3. BOC explores a collaborative regional approach. Pros and cons of each option were reviewed.

Discussion ensued with Commissioners all agreeing that Option 1 was the most favored, that the Board should forego sending the consideration of conducting a community needs assessment to a committee for further review, and have a Resolution sent to the full Board to do the assessment phase.

**Public Comment:** Dave Hankwitz, 6060 Barnhart Rd, once again thanked the Board for the work done this evening and that to come.

**Any Other Business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm

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CHERYL KELLY, CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR