

July 30, 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: Chair Andersen read a letter from the USDA regarding increase in fees for federal parks and campgrounds within Mason County.

Public Comment: Bill Kerans, Scottville Senior Citizen Director, reminded everyone to vote on August 6, 2024.

Work session Discussion: The following items were presented:

1. Judge Nellis' request to increase Probate Court appointed attorneys from \$65/hour to \$90/hour.
2. Judge Nellis' inquiry about providing health insurance benefits to a part-time employee.
3. The Chamber Alliance of Mason County's request to increase their appropriation from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00.
4. Increased costs of contracted Information Technology management.
5. Cost of temporary employee during maternity leave.
6. Increased costs of vehicles.
7. Increased cost of computers.
8. Increase in pension costs
9. Deputy Administrator Szczyпка's request for additional continuing education and membership fees
10. Increase in software costs
11. Increase in website costs
12. Clerk Kelly's request for an additional clerical employee.

Commissioners heard from all entities requesting funding. Some items were deemed necessary and must have. Others were requested to wait. Administrator Knizacky was directed to provide the Finance, Personnel & Rules Committee with an amended 2025 budget if funding was able to be found.

Public Comment: Brandi Miller, Chamber Director, addressed the Board and appreciated the partnership and dialogue.

Any Other Business: Chair Andersen inquired if the Board felt it necessary to keep or cancel the next work session slated for September 24 and if so, it would need to be moved due to a conflict. Discussion ensued and it was requested to hold the work session and move it to September 30, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Squires inquired about the status of streaming Board meetings. He was informed that the Building, Planning, Airport & Drain Committee has been reviewing quotes and systems and had hoped to have equipment to trial at the meeting tonight, but it was not able to be set up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

CHERYL KELLY, CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR