

MASON COUNTY BUILDINGS, PLANNING, DRAINS, & AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting will be at the conference room at the Mason County Airport Terminal

September 23, 2024

3:00 PM

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of the Agenda
- C. Approval of the Minutes
- D. Reading of Correspondence
- E. Limited Public Comments
- F. Committee Work
 - 1. Consideration of a proposal for sidewalk plowing at the Mason County Airport
 - 2. Consideration of a report on the PA System for the conference room at the Mason County Airport
 - 3. Consideration of a request to hold an event at the Mason County Courthouse lawn
- G. Limited Public Comments
- H. Any other business
- I. Adjournment

Mason County Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee Meeting
August 27, 2024

Commissioner Hull called the Buildings, Planning, Drains & Airport Committee Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport, 5300 W. US Hwy. 10, Ludington, Michigan 49431. Members Present: Hull, Andersen, and Krieger. Absent: None. Others present: Administrator Knizacky, Deputy Administrator Szczyпка, Airport Manager O'Connor, and Clerk Kelly. Members of public: three.

Motion by Andersen and seconded by Krieger to approve the agenda with the addition of a quote from Heirloom construction and amending the agenda to move the quote to review first. Motion carried.

Motion by Krieger and seconded by Andersen to approve the minutes from July 23, 2024 and the July 2, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Limited Public Comments: None.

Consideration of review of bid for Remodel Project for Court room in Probate Court: Judge Nellis presented to review the only bid submitted from Heirloom Construction at \$324,692.13 to remodel the Probate Court office into a courtroom. Judge Nellis noted the bid came in higher than expected and he is willing to hold the project at this time due to a potential future project that may include the building of another courtroom at a separate location, which would alleviate the need for the remodel. Time frames for projects were discussed. Also discussed the development of an Ad hoc Committee to start the planning process, along with hire of an architect to assist. Judge Nellis left the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Consideration of a resolution to require a cash deposit of \$10,000 in advance of a New County Drain Development: Drain Commissioner Rohde discussed his reasons why he wished to implement a cash deposit for new County Drain Development. Motion by Andersen and seconded by Krieger to send the Consideration of a resolution to require a cash deposit of \$10,000.00 in advance of a new County Drain Development to the full Board. Motion carried.

Consideration of an offer to sell private hangar #18 at Mason County Airport: Airport Manager O'Connor reviewed the letter received to sell a private hangar. The County has the first right of refusal. Motion by Krieger and seconded by Andersen to send the Consideration of an offer to sell private hangar #18 at the Mason County Airport to the full Board recommending the County not purchase and exercising its right of first refusal. Motion carried.

Review of the status of conference room audio project quotes/research and determine next steps: Airport Manager O'Connor reviewed options for an audio system in the Board room. Audience member Edgar Struble offered suggestions and noted he would reach out to his contacts and return at the next meeting with information. The Committee thanked him for his assistance.

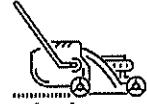
Consideration of parcels being offered for sale by the State of Michigan: The Committee reviewed the parcels being offered by the State for sale. Considered were a 340-acre parcel and a 40-acre parcel in Branch Township, a 380-acre parcel in Meade Township, and a 43-acre parcel in Pere Marquette Charter Township. Comments from Parks and Recreation Director Begnoche were also entertained. Motion by Andersen and seconded by Krieger to authorize Administrator Knizacky to submit applications to the State for these parcels and inquire of the costs. Motion carried.

Consideration of a request to hold an event at the Mason County Courthouse lawn: The Committee reviewed the letter from West Michigan CMH regarding the request to hold a Walk of Hope event on the courthouse lawn on September 26, 2024 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. for Suicide Awareness Month. Motion by Krieger and seconded by Andersen to approve the request for CMH to hold the event on the Courthouse lawn on September 26, 2024. Motion carried.

ESTIMATE

Cooper's Lawn Care

2962 N Morse Rd
Fountain, MI 49410
(231) 233-1725



Cooper's Lawn Care

231-233-1725 SETH, COOPER
231-690-1800 CINDY, COOPER

To:
John O'Connor
5300 W. US-10
Ludington Mi, MI 49431

Estimate # 1973
Estimate Date 09/16/2024

Total Amount	\$70.00
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Item	Quantity	Price	Line Total
Side Walk Plowing	1.0	\$70.00	\$70.00

Subtotal: \$70.00
Tax: \$0.00
Past Due Amount: \$0.00
Total Amount: \$70.00

Notes

Report to Airport Commission
PA System for Meeting Room
Edgar M Struble 09/09/24

1. The quotes obtained by John O'Connor and presented at last month's meeting are accurate and thorough. John did a great job in obtaining this information. I was too quick to suggest I could beat these prices before I did any research myself.
2. Adam Knudsen's quote was, not surprisingly, the lowest. If the county decides to purchase a system, I'd give Adam the nod. He's local, and he's a pro.
3. If any system were to be installed, I would recommend a wireless system. Although expensive, it would eliminate a medusa-like mess in the room each time the PA is used.
4. However, even a wireless system has to be rolled out before each meeting and set up. There is also a learning curve that is not for the feint-of-heart.
5. Before purchasing a high-dollar PA system, I would get bids on sound abatement for the HVAC. That thing is running constantly and creates a noise floor of approx. 40 dB of low and mid frequency noise. It doesn't seem like much, but it really interferes with speech discrimination.
6. There are two sources of noise coming from the HVAC. The first is a low-frequency rumble created by the unit vibrating on the plywood floor. Low-frequency sounds are difficult to mitigate, but I would suggest some rubber pads for the main unit, and also to have the fan balanced to eliminate vibration. The other source is the air moving through the ductwork. This may not be as big an issue as the vibration, but there are ways to temper that noise as well. An HVAC contractor who has experience with noise abatement would be a better source of information.
7. The easiest fix is for any person who has something to say to just speak louder. If the council is just speaking to one another that's one thing, but where there is an audience who may have an interest in the proceedings, it would be helpful if the speaker were to remember that it's sometimes difficult to hear in that room.

Knizacky, Fabian

From: Diann <simply_diann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Knizacky, Fabian
Subject: Permission to hold Rally

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Once again, Northwest Michigan for Reproductive Freedom is holding a rally. We will be at Rotary Park from about 11 to 3 pm on Saturday, September 28. At the conclusion of our program, a small group will march through downtown together holding pro-reproductive rights signage.

I would like permission for our group to stand on the Courthouse side adjacent to Ludington Avenue. We would be on the strip between the sidewalk and the street as well as on the sidewalk itself. We have no plans to put any signs in the ground.

Please advise me about this request.

Regards

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