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The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason County Airport Terminal conference room 5300 W. US 10 Ludington Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andersen.

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

Invocation was given by Krieger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the agenda with the removal of the Group Benefit Resolution and the addition of the vacation request. Motion carried.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular meeting and September 30, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public comment:** Dan Jensen, Ludington, addressed his concerns with regards to the Board approving requests for Department Heads to attend training events.

Bill Kerans, Director Scottville Senior Center, announced that Mary Jo Holmes, original organizer of the Scottville Senior Center and establisher of the Senior Services millage, passed away this past weekend.

Motion by Krieger and seconded by Hull to leave regular session and enter into a Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation. Motion carried.

Chair Andersen called for any public comment three times.

Hearing no comments, motion made by Krieger and seconded by Hull to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session. Motion carried.

Anthony Meyaard, Equalization Director, was present to review the 2024 Apportionment Report that was included in the packet. He noted that he was happy to hear that the County was having a Public Hearing as this was a part of the Truth and Taxation process in conjunction with the Apportionment Report.

Dr. Rick Plummer presented the 2024 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund report.

Commissioner Krieger provided a committee report on the District #10 Health Department Board, noting that they are currently watching the septic legislation issues, as there are multiple concerns with the new legislation.

Motion by Krieger and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS,** Building & Zoning Director Sanders will be going on maternity leave; and

**WHEREAS,** the Buildings, Planning, Drains, Airport Committee is recommending hiring Carol Ann Foote as a temporary employee in the office for up to twelve weeks.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves hiring a temporary employee in the Building & Zoning Department.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Krieger.

Motion by Krieger and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Apportionment Report has been given and it is in order.

**THEREFORE**, we, your Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee, recommend the acceptance of the 2024 Apportionment Report.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Krieger.

Commissioner Hartley provided reports on the following Committees: 9-1-1, Lincoln Lake Board, and Michigan Works West Central.

Motion by Commissioner Hartley and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patrick Hansma is recommending the appointment of a Deputy Medical Examiner; and

**WHEREAS**, he is recommending the appointment of Dr. Thomas Koster as a Deputy Medical Examiner.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Dr. Thomas Koster as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hartley.

Commissioner Hull provided updates on the CHILL Grant, as well as the Planning Committee's receiving the request from DTE Energy for a text amendment for solar farms.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated

September 10, 2024 totaling \$703,315.15: and

September 24, 2024 totaling \$648,614.02.

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee found these claims to be in order and asks the Board to approve these claims.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen, Hull and Bacon.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the CHILL Grant Program requires the County to perform an environmental review of the eligible sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending approval of a proposal from Environmental Consulting Solutions to perform these services.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposal from Environmental Consulting Solutions; funds to come from the Community Development Housing Grant Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hull

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Bacon to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Mason County Computer Advisory Board (MCCNAB) to seek proposals for Co-Managed IT Support; and

**WHEREAS**, MCCNAB and the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee are recommending hiring VC3 to provide these services.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County approves the attached agreement with VC3; funds to come from the Computer Network Operation & Maintenance Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hull

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason-Lake Conservation District has worked cooperatively with the Conservation Districts from Manistee and Oceana Counties to develop a program for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste for the residents in Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason County has historically provided funding for this service; and

**WHEREAS**, the collection was extremely successful in 2024 resulting in disposal costs that exceeded the Conservation District's budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason-Lake Conservation District Executive Director McGarry has asked the County to consider providing additional funding for this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the approval of an additional \$3,400.00 for 2024.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the providing additional funding of \$3,400.00 to the Mason-Lake Conservation Districts for the 2024 household hazardous waste program: funds to come from contingency.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hull

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chair Hull and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Cooper's Lawn Care has agreed to provide sidewalk snow removal services for the 2024/25 winter season; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been satisfied with the services provided by Cooper's Lawn Care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommends the attached proposal with Cooper's Lawn Care for one year.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the proposal with Cooper's Lawn Care for one year to provide sidewalk snow removal services.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Hull

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for October 08, 2024.

**THEREFORE**, we, your Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee, request your approval of the following transfers:

Road Patrol	\$213,587.50
Friend of the Court	\$153,750.00
Jail Operations	\$168,250.00
Probate Court Child Care	\$ 90,250.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 11,250.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Courthouse Security Officer Nelson is seeking authorization to dispose of surplus AED equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending board approval of this request.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes Courthouse Security Officer Nelson to dispose of a surplus AED equipment.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Computer Network Advisory Board (MCCNAB) and the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached written Mason County Website Link Policy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached written Mason County Website Link Policy effective October 9, 2024.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County Prosecutor Hand has requested additional help with legal services to cover juvenile delinquency cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has previously approved an agreement with Layne Sakwa to provide up to three months of freelance legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to extend this agreement for another three months.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement for freelance prosecutor legal services with attorney Layne Sakwa.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

Motion by Bacon and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Oakview Medical Care Facility received the support from the citizens of the County of Mason for millage of up to 0.9715 mill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board has the responsibility for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mason requires notification each year of the amount of millage needed to be levied for the continued operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board has indicated a need for the 0.9715 mill to be levied; and

**WHEREAS**, a Headlee rollback has decreased the maximum levy to 0.9707 for 2024.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Mason County Department of Health and Human Services Board request to levy 0.9707 mill for 2024 for the operation of Oakview Medical Care Facility and the County Clerk to certify the same.

Moved for your approval.

Significant discussion ensued regarding why Oakview will not open up the other beds in the facility and is still requesting the full levy to be collected (which is a 17.7% reduction in services). Charles Lange, member of the Health and Human Services Board, along with Jannice Lamm, Director of Oakview, answered questions.

Motion carried. (Signed) Bacon.

Chair Andersen provided a committee report for the Planning Commission, noting that Mary Rielly, MSUE, provided a utility scale solar power presentation. The Planning Commission is also working on the Master Plan, and the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has been diligently working with regards to funding for the senior services entities.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adopt a 2025 Final Budget for the County of Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has requested and received the proposed 2025 Final Budget requests from the various Department Heads of the County of Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee has reviewed the proposed 2025 Final Budget requests and after careful deliberations has made the necessary adjustments which allow the Committee to recommend a balanced 2025 Final Budget that will meet the collective needs of the citizens served by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason adopts the attached 2025 Final Budget as recommended by the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

MASON COUNTY 2025 FINAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

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<u>Description</u>	2022 <u>AUDITED</u>	2023 <u>AUDITED</u>	2024 <u>AMENDED</u>	2025 PRELIMINARY <u>APPROVED</u>	2025 FINAL <u>REQUESTED</u>	2025 FINAL <u>APPROVED</u>
Board of Commissioners Michigan Association of Counties	131,317	125,649	148,000	148,000	148,000	148,000
Juvenile Court Administrator	10,873	10,873	10,875	10,875	10,875	10,875
Tax Allocation Boards	127,492	92,468	97,850	97,850	132,475	132,475
Clerk	331,541	339,267	539,800	527,000	544,650	544,650
Audit	1,268	1,137	1,475	1,425	1,500	1,500
Remonumentation	590,283	622,657	701,025	715,425	812,475	717,025
Copy Machine & Fax	25,512	27,510	36,000	36,000	49,000	49,000
Treasurer's Office	35,893	43,063	34,950	36,325	39,225	39,225
Equalization Dept.	11,876	10,662	19,700	19,700	19,700	19,700
Election & Canvassers	424,082	439,813	474,275	496,775	519,375	519,225
County Maintenance	476,965	461,635	524,975	535,275	541,825	541,825
Register of Deeds	61,203	42,316	187,125	137,250	141,750	137,250
Courthouse Maintenance -	137,737	134,448	175,250	166,250	167,175	167,175
Scottville Complex	315,849	324,280	352,900	369,750	372,675	372,675
Jail Annex Building	163,860	133,741	152,300	153,300	153,350	153,350
Circuit Court	23,214	23,662	29,150	29,150	29,200	29,200
District Court	19,490	21,772	31,425	31,425	31,500	31,500
Probate Court	484,365	521,304	625,075	641,075	644,550	638,950
Prosecutor's office	735,853	734,674	797,150	836,450	854,437	843,575
Family Counseling Service	607,666	644,292	779,400	781,850	813,300	813,300
Jury Commission	787,694	861,361	957,825	1,001,350	1,041,000	1,019,450
Courthouse Security	-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Probation/Parole	11,597	15,359	16,200	16,200	16,800	16,200
Emergency Planning	154,935	235,311	275,825	288,900	291,250	291,250
Animal Control	3,030	4,173	8,050	8,050	8,750	8,750
Dept. of Public Works	124,575	110,086	195,375	205,575	202,875	202,875
Drain Commissioner	226,450	222,359	234,575	249,000	249,025	249,025
Drains at Large	32,455	30,544	36,325	37,075	38,475	38,475
Health Department Building	338,503	353,855	395,000	412,875	431,300	431,250
Medical Examiner	2,154	1,554	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
Veteran's Burial	73,504	65,471	82,475	82,475	82,725	82,725
Veteran's Affairs Grant	108,341	138,491	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000
Zoning Dept.	6,600	6,600	21,100	21,100	21,100	21,100
County Plat Board	50,183	57,911	71,150	71,425	72,250	72,250
Cooperative Extension	206,655	194,615	258,350	267,125	287,425	287,425
Regional Planning	-	-	300	300	300	300
Economic Development	107,899	110,685	128,500	132,025	131,550	131,550
Parks & Recreation	7,686	7,844	7,800	7,850	7,850	7,850
Fairgrounds	27,925	19,547	43,950	43,950	57,725	57,725
Employee Benefits	4,898	361	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Contingency	24,690	9,133	9,175	7,900	8,225	8,225
	50,442	100,755	-	-	-	-
	-	-	13,550	83,925	100,000	66,700
	<b>7,066,555</b>	<b>7,301,238</b>	<b>8,650,525</b>	<b>8,882,550</b>	<b>9,249,962</b>	<b>9,077,900</b>

MASON COUNTY 2025 FINAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025
	AUDITED	AUDITED	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY	FINAL	FINAL
				APPROVED	REQUESTED	APPROVED
APPROPRIATIONS - OTHER:						
United Way - 2-1-1 Service District #10 Health Department	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Mason/Lake Soil Conservation	186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519	186,519
Household Hazardous Waste Prog.	19,000	19,000	19,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Mental Health Authority	7,000	7,000	7,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
911 Center	139,625	139,250	139,250	139,250	139,250	139,250
Lakeshore Regional Partners	158,888	158,762	158,825	158,825	158,825	158,825
	89,645	112,127	89,650	89,650	121,900	121,900
	602,177	624,658	602,244	607,244	639,494	639,494
APPROPRIATIONS TO COUNTY FUNDS:						
192. Welfare Child Care	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
207. Road Patrol	2,191,475	2,265,075	2,562,250	2,594,000	2,594,000	2,594,000
215. Friend of the Court	570,000	587,000	615,000	667,225	687,000	687,000
225. Junk Ordinance	6,700	15,200	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500
227. Landfill Perpetual Care	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-
230. Employee Vacation & Sick Pay	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
260.. Indigent Defense	153,500	248,500	180,000	158,000	158,000	158,000
266. Jail Operations	1,944,475	2,019,000	2,019,000	2,116,000	2,116,000	2,116,000
269. Law Library	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
273. Community Development	-	5,250,000	-	-	-	-
290. Social Welfare	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
292. Probate Child Care	411,000	401,075	361,000	406,000	406,000	406,000
402. Equipment Replacement	715,075	335,300	344,525	337,525	355,150	355,150
470. Public Improvement	1,312,956	902,956	426,956	486,956	492,956	486,956
481. Airport - Improvement	62,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
536. Mason County Land Bank	-	100,000	-	-	-	-
581. Airport - Operating	152,800	294,000	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000
676. Ins. - Liability	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
677. Ins. - Worker's Compensation	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
678. Ins. - Health, Pension, & Life	731,550	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000
	8,356,531	12,915,106	7,248,231	7,505,206	7,548,606	7,542,606
Total General Fund Budget	16,025,263	20,841,002	16,501,000	16,995,000	17,438,062	17,260,000
FUND 470 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
Sheriff storage building	50,000	100,000	20,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

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Courthouse Roof	470,000	-	-	-	-	-
Airport Terminal	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Animal Control						
Building	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Transmission Tower	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Parks	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
102 Fifth Street	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Jail	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Jail Property	-	260,000	-	-	-	-
Court Building at Jail						
site	400,000	50,000	20,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Jail Annex Building	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Mason County Land						
Bank	-	100,000	-	-	-	-
Health Department						
Building	59,456	59,456	59,456	59,456	59,456	59,456
Courthouse Steps	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Courthouse Building &						
Grounds	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
HVAC System						
Replacement	36,000	36,000	30,000	30,000	36,000	30,000
	<u>1,312,956</u>	<u>902,956</u>	<u>426,956</u>	<u>486,956</u>	<u>492,956</u>	<u>486,956</u>

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**MASON COUNTY 2025 FINAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025
	AUDITED	AUDITED	AMENDED	PRELIMINARY	FINAL	FINAL
<b>FUND 402 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				APPROVED	REQUESTED	APPROVED
Airport equipment & vehicle	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Broadband	303,000	-	-	-	-	-
DPW & Drain Com.						
Computers	500	500	500	500	-	-
DPW & Drain Com.						
GIS	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Ambulance	30,000	30,000	30,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Courthouse security system	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
District/Circuit Court computers	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
Emergency Manage.						
Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sheriff's firearms	9,075	9,075	9,075	9,075	9,075	9,075
Road Patrol body cameras	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350
Tax System						
computers	4,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	-	-
Probate equip. & furniture	500	500	500	500	500	500
Accounting System						
computers	3,000	3,000	2,500	3,000	-	-
Animal Control						
vehicles	17,050	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Maintenance vehicle	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Phone Systems	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
General computer replacement	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	27,125	27,125
Sheriff Servers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
SRO Vehicles &	131,000	42,575	-	-	-	-



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equipment						
Sheriff Office Diving						
Equipment	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Sheriff Office Dive						
Trailer	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Forensic Computing						
School	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
SERT Equipment &						
Trailer	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Road Patrol Total						
Station	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sheriff Radar						
Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Road Patrol Software	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	500	500
Sheriff radios	1,000	16,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sheriff vehicles	100,000	100,000	110,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
In car cameras	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sheriff's Marine Boat	3,000	3,000	71,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sheriff computers &						
equip.	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	15,500	15,500
Sheriff's Ballistic						
Vests	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Sheriff's Canine	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Aerial Photos	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Clerk Copiers	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Clerk Imaging						
Equipment	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Zoning Equipment	400	400	400	400	400	400
Courtroom						
equipment	500	500	500	500	500	500
Courthouse vehicle	1,000	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Tower generator	250	250	250	250	250	250
Sheriff's tasers	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Vital records						
software server	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Animal Control vests	-	2,500	-	500	500	500
Website	-	3,450	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Register of Deeds						
furniture	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Clerk furniture	-	500	500	500	500	500
Clerk computer &						
printers	-	1,000	500	1,000	-	-
Treasurer scanner	-	750	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Windows Office						
software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-
Election equipment						
& computers	2,000	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Zoning vehicle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,500	2,500
	<u>715,075</u>	<u>335,300</u>	<u>344,525</u>	<u>337,525</u>	<u>355,150</u>	<u>355,150</u>

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**MASON COUNTY 2025 FINAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET**

Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025
	<u>AUDITED</u>	<u>AUDITED</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>PRELIMINARY</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
				<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Property Tax Collection	11,032,596	11,800,081	12,390,000	12,847,500	12,962,000	12,962,000
Personal Property	1,220,077	998,496	411,000	411,000	443,550	443,550

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Reimbursement						
Delinquent Personal Tax	745	1,975	2,300	1,925	1,925	1,925
Federal Payment in lieu of tax	127,630	135,537	145,400	135,525	145,400	145,400
Industrial Facilities Tax	48,853	24,786	24,325	26,375	25,450	25,450
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	226,406	169,099	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Other Taxes & Fees	90,474	84,119	54,075	32,600	31,950	31,950
Zoning Department	18,740	17,725	19,900	17,725	19,000	19,000
Soil Erosion & Sediment	20,575	21,700	21,750	21,700	23,000	21,700
Dog licenses	46,745	44,980	44,500	44,975	44,975	44,975
All other Licenses & Permits	1,030	1,180	1,075	1,050	1,300	1,050
Court Equity Fund	123,094	130,112	128,350	130,100	130,100	130,100
Judges Salary Standardization	137,172	137,172	137,150	137,150	137,150	137,150
Probate Judge Supplement	127,455	135,762	127,500	135,750	135,750	135,750
Veteran's Affairs Service Grant	47,783	50,828	68,800	68,800	68,800	68,800
Emergency Preparedness	30,335	22,358	31,000	22,350	22,350	22,350
Fr. of Ct./Incentive Program	31,697	34,096	31,700	34,075	34,075	34,075
C.R.P. Reimbursement	342,582	365,023	391,525	365,000	365,000	365,000
Juvenile Court Officer Grant	27,317	27,317	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300
Victims Rights	36,703	49,936	43,175	43,175	42,675	42,675
Convention Facility Tax	179,289	224,254	179,275	201,375	243,725	243,725
Township Liquor License	18,002	18,377	17,575	18,375	18,375	18,375
State Survey Remonumentation	35,887	40,342	33,250	36,300	39,175	39,175
State Revenue Sharing Grant	557,008	596,290	627,600	627,600	671,950	671,950
County Incentive Program	125,784	125,781	125,775	125,775	125,775	125,775
All other State Grants	37,618	33,108	33,100	33,100	32,625	32,625
All other Federal Grants	5,809,086	153,165	-	-		
Circuit Court Costs	13,781	22,387	21,175	21,800	22,400	22,400
District Court Costs	60,471	88,183	63,000	63,000	77,000	77,000
Probation Oversight Fees	26,399	30,040	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Civil Fees	51,108	47,306	47,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
Recording Fees	164,288	133,410	140,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Circuit Court Fees	8,187	10,501	10,300	10,500	10,500	10,500
Probate Court	18,017	15,564	13,950	15,550	15,550	15,550
County Clerk	54,840	51,959	51,000	51,950	39,000	51,950
Inter-Departmental Personnel Ser.	21,440	19,327	18,150	19,700	19,700	19,700
Prosecutor	13,349	5,217	7,500	5,200	5,200	5,200
Printed & Electronic Copy Sales	11,864	11,000	15,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
All other Charges for Services	122,351	123,606	115,825	120,950	118,775	120,975
Ordinance Fines & Costs	15,923	24,973	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Bond Forfeitures	9,695	6,425	7,500	6,425	6,425	6,425
Investment Income	182,781	348,604	149,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Investment Income - restricted	151,515	274,988	-	-	-	-

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Gain (loss) on investments	(592,017)	344,545	-	-	-	-
Rents, Leases	34,300	34,593	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Reimbursements, Refunds	394,842	417,597	361,575	357,550	357,650	357,650
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 Center	158,888	164,904	158,625	158,775	158,825	158,825
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Total General Fund Revenue	21,422,705	17,618,728	16,501,000	16,995,000	17,246,400	17,260,000
Surplus (Deficit)	5,397,442	(3,222,274)	-	-	(191,662)	-
January 1, Fund Balance	10,567,755	15,965,197	12,740,923	12,740,923	12,740,923	12,740,923
Adjustments for the audit	-	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
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December 31, Fund Balance	\$ 15,965,197	\$ 12,740,923	\$ 12,740,923	\$ 12,740,923	\$12,549,261	\$12,740,923
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Moved for your approval.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Hartley, Hull, Bacon, Krieger, Johnson, Andersen.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Squires

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Hartley to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mason County has a vacancy on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Advisory Council.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Randy Belair be appointed to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Moved for your approval. AYES: Krieger, Johnson, Hartley, Andersen, Hull.

NAYS: Bacon.

ABSENT: Squires.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Board of Commissioners authorized seeking bids for a construction project at the Mason County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached bid was the only bid received for the project and was significantly higher than the original estimate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building, Planning, Drains and Airport Committee is recommending that the Board of Commissioners decline this bid.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason declines the bid for a construction project at the Mason County Courthouse.

Moved for your approval. Discussed was that Judge Nellis was in agreement with this due to the increased costs of the project.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, it is alleged that Mason County used a copyrighted photograph.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approved the payment of \$4,000.00 to settle this dispute and directs the Board Chair Janet S. Andersen to sign the attached settlement agreement; funds to come from the Retention Fund held by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Moved for your approval.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Hull, Bacon, Krieger, Johnson, Andersen

NAYS: Hartley

ABSENT: Squires

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Krieger to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, recent state law requires the establishment of a Material Management Planning Committee on either a county or regional basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason County has elected to participate with Lake, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties to establish a regional committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason County has agreed to appoint committee members representing a business that generates managed materials within the planning area, an elected official of the county or a municipality in the planning area, a representative of a waste diversion, reuse, or reduction facility operator that provides service in the planning area, and a representative of an environmental interest group that has members residing in the planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, there were four responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News and the Mason County Press from Ms. Sharon Edgar, Mr. Jody Hartley, Ms. Jamie Healy, and Mr. Michael Smith.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ms. Sharon Edgar representing an environmental interest group, Mr. Jody Hartley as an elected official of the county or a municipality, Ms. Jamie Healy representing a waste diversion, reuse, or reduction facility operator, and Mr. Michael Smith representing a business that generates managed materials be appointed to the Regional Material Management Planning Committee with a term expiring on December 31, 2029.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

Motion by Board Chair Andersen and seconded by Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Prosecutor Hand has requested that her prospective candidate for a vacant position be given two weeks of vacation time upon hiring; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending denial of this request.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the request to grant two weeks of vacation time upon hiring for a vacant request.

Moved for approval.

Significant discussion ensued with regards to the County policy and current vacation policy that is in place.

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Chair Andersen called the question, and a roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Hartley, Krieger

NAYS: Bacon, Johnson, Hull, Andersen

ABSENT: Squires

Motion fails.

Treasurer Kmetz noted that the Mason County Land Bank Authority submitted a grant application under the MI Neighborhood program for assistance of up to \$200,000 for two new homes to be constructed on the site of a former foreclosed property. This was similar to the grant we applied for a few months ago but were unsuccessful due to funding obligations being at capacity under the last fiscal year.

Our second-round auction was successful in the sale of a parcel that had a buyer back out at the first auction. This sale concluded our auctions for this year with all eight parcels being sold at or above minimum bid. We had a total of four claims for excess proceeds on three parcels which eligible claimants will be notified of the amounts available to them.

Clerk Kelly noted that the Clerk's report was emailed previously. The Public Accuracy Test for the November Election was held on September 26, 2024 and went well. They are watching the Courts to see if Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr's name will be pulled from the ballot, which will require a reprint of ballots. She and staff are working to prepare for Early Voting, which will take place October 26, thru November 3, 2024 for Early Vote Sites #1- City of Ludington Wards 1-6 only, and EV Site #2 for the remainder of the voting jurisdictions.

Administrator Knizacky noted his office has applied for a second my Neighborhood Grant for \$200,000.00, with a local match of \$52,000.00 and administrative fee cost of \$36,000.00 to assist homeowners with housing projects. The County closed on the sale of the Staff Street parcel, and he informed the Board that Lake County will be hosting the West Central County Alliance on October 28, 2024 and he needed to know who would be attending.

**Public comment:** Randy Belair thanked the Board for his appointment to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan.

Mike Ingison-Mason County Road Commission, noted that the Road Show will be next week, please watch for an invite to follow. He further noted that the Road Commission completed their Asset Management Plan.

Dan Jensen, Ludington, noted he was concerned about the pentagram seating pattern that is etched on the fold up chairs in the court room.

Margaret Greiner-Eden Township Precinct Delegate expressed her displeasure with the Board for not approving the vacation request for the Prosecutor's office stating that she feels it would not cost the County any more money.

**Other business:** Chair Andersen again wished to acknowledge the passing of Mary Jo Holmes. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR