

October 2, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room located in the Mason County Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lange.

Roll call was taken. Present: J. Lenius, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall,
T. Posma, M. Nichols, J. Andersen

Absent: None.

Invocation was given by J. Andersen. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by J. Lenius and seconded by M. Nichols to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence read.

There was no public comment.

Work Session on 2014 Budget

Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman Posma thanked fellow commissioners, department heads, elected officials, and Administrator Knizacky for their input to the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee on the Final Budget. He then asked Administrator Knizacky to review the budget and answer questions. Administrator Knizacky highlighted changes in budgeting the Property & Liability Insurance that were now being allocated to approximately 30 departments as opposed to all the costs being lumped as one in Fund 676. This is revenue neutral for the budget as the \$119,000 reduction in Fund 676 from the Preliminary Budget is being recognized in the individual department budgets. Jail Operations and Road Patrol Budgets were increased in order to meet the increased costs in ammunition that is used in officer training. Administrator Knizacky explained decreases to several budgets from the 2014 funding level because of special circumstances that required additional funding in 2014. Fund Balances in the Equipment Replacement Fund and the Public Improvement Fund were discussed and Administrator Knizacky pointed to several issues that had occurred recently, such as the mold issue at the jail last year and the Johnson Control Courthouse Project that was currently underway, that were able to be paid for with the money that had been put in each of these funds instead of searching around for money or having to ask the taxpayers to fund a millage request. Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee Chairman Posma thanked Administrator Knizacky for all his hard work on the budget. He also noted that the budget showed a 0.18% increase over the 2014 Final Budget and was a balanced budget that provided the same services as in previous years. He then asked if there was any input or changes board members would like the committee to consider. With there being no input or changes from fellow board members the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Lange.

Any other unfinished business: None.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned 7:20 p.m.

JIM RIFFLE, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN