

November 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' 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: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall,
S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma
Absent: None.

Invocation was given by W. Taranko. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution for an application for a 2015 Michigan State Housing Development Authority Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Lange read a thank you note from Commissioner Carpenter for the flowers that were sent.

Public Comment:

- Evelyn Bergaila, Riverton Township, commented on the upcoming appointment to the Planning Commission and wished to support Dennis Dunlap. She did not endorse the appointment of William Grimm to the commission.

- Mike Krauch, Michigan State University District 5 Extension Coordinator, wished to thank the board for their support of the program. He gave a special thanks to Commissioner VanderWall for all his work and support with being moderator at the past two meetings.

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Grants are now being given on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason is a member of the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the Homeland Security Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission is requesting a sponsorship form for each local project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached sponsorship form for the Mason County Fiscal Year 2014 Local Allocation Projects and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said form.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Michigan State University Extension has proposed the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Agreement for Extension Services to facilitate the staffing and services of the extension office in the County of Mason and further directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County of Mason and the Mason County District Library and the citizens they serve, that the County continue to provide accounting services for the Library.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Accounting Services Agreement with the Mason County District Library for 2016 and further directs the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, new accounting standards established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board require the calculation of a liability for retiree health care benefits by an actuarial firm; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company performs the actuarial services for the County's retiree health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the County approve the attached proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached proposal from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company; \$10,000.00 in funding to come from the Health & Life Insurance Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole is recommending that the Board of Commissioners establish fees related to providing fingerprinting services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached fees related to providing fingerprinting services; effective immediately.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Commissioner VanderWall wished to thank everyone who participated in the Michigan State University Extension meeting held recently.

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Housing Board of Review is recommending that the Mason County Board of Commissioners select Oceana's Home Partnership as the third party administrator for the Mason County Housing Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the selection of Oceana's Home Partnership as the third party administrator for the Mason County Housing Program and further directs the Board Chair to sign any necessary agreements on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section 19.02 (7) of the Mason County Zoning Ordinance requires that a performance bond be posted to ensure the landscaping is installed consistent with the Mason County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending a \$7,935.00 performance guarantee for the Ludington Storage LLC project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a \$7,935.00 performance guarantee for the Ludington Storage LLC project.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Mason County Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there was one response to the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. William Grimm; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Committee has interviewed Mr. Grimm and is recommending that the Board of Commissioners not appoint him and vote no on this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. William Grimm be appointed to a position on the Mason County Planning Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner VanderWall reiterated that the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee recommended a No-vote. Ayes: T. Posma. Nays: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. VanderWall, S. Hull, and J. Anderson.

Motion failed. (Signed) C. VanderWall

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

At a regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners held in Ludington, Michigan, on November 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Wally Taranko, Commissioner; Bill Carpenter, Commissioner; Charles Lange, Commissioner; Curt VanderWall, Commissioner; Steven Hull, Commissioner; Janet Andersen, Commissioner; and Thomas Posma, Commissioner

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, Mason County is interested in the continuing effort to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS, said Mason County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and understands the content of the application of funding; and

WHEREAS, said Mason County Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the County Administrator to apply for \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, said Mason County Board of Commissioners authorizes the chief elected official to sign this resolution form as required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to prepare and submit the application for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Housing Resource Fund.

DATED: November 10, 2015

Charles Lange, Board Chairman

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF MASON

I, Cheryl Kelly, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mason County Board of Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting held on the 10th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Wally Taranko, Commissioner; Bill Carpenter, Commissioner; Charles Lange, Commissioner; Curt VanderWall, Commissioner; Steven Hull, Commissioner; Janet Andersen, Commissioner; and Thomas Posma, Commissioner.

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Mason this 10th day of November, 2015.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Cheryl Kelly, County Clerk

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Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Agriculture, Huron-Manistee National Forests have historically worked together to provide for patrolling of the National Forests in the County of Mason.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the United States Department of Agriculture, Huron-Manistee National Forests and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Airport Manager David Johnson, Administrator Fabian Knizacky, and Airport Engineer Prein&Newhof met with state representatives to discuss the proposed Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2016-2026; and

WHEREAS, the plan for 2016-2026 was revised as a result of this meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the amended Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2016-2026.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Mason County Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, there was one response to the advertisement that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Dennis Dunlap.

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Committee has interviewed Mr. Dunlap and is recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve this appointment resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Dennis Dunlap be appointed to a position on the Mason County Planning Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by Public Safety and Courts Committee Chairman J. Andersen and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Carla and Robert Ohse LLC, Custer Township, Section 5 in the County of Mason has submitted an application for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the application for Farmland (Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974), 08-02 Carla and Robert Ohse LLC, Custer Township, Section 5 in the County of Mason.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council's mission is to bring together persons and organizations who have an interest in the resource conservation and restoration of the Little Manistee River and its Watershed; and

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WHEREAS, the Council would like the communities of Lake, Manistee, & Mason counties to create a watershed management plan for the Little Manistee River; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the attached Partnership Agreement is to demonstrate the diversity of the Council's support in the community and to give them credibility with sources of funding and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Partnership Agreement for the Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plan and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a Citizen's Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason to examine the County's financial situation and to make recommendations for improving it; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations made was that the County Board of Commissioners should evaluate fees and charges controlled by the County Board of Commissioners at least annually and adjust them according to increased costs of providing services; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has evaluated the hangar and property lease rates at the Mason County Airport and is recommending increasing the rates for 2016, 2017 and 2018 by the Consumers Price Index for the property lease and the old hangar; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending a rate of \$2,405.26 for 2016 and increasing the rates for 2017 and 2018 by the Consumers Price Index for the new T-Hangar; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is also recommending the attached minor changes to the lease agreements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves increasing the property lease rate of \$0.5781 per square foot in 2016, 2017 and 2018 by the Consumers Price Index; and increase the old hangar lease rates of \$2,290.72 per year in 2016, 2017 and 2018 by the Consumers Price Index; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a 2016 rate of \$2,405.26 for the new T-Hangar and increases in 2017 and 2018 by the Consumers Price Index; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached changes to the lease agreements.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

Motion by Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee Chairman T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated October 8, 2015 totaling \$367,900.74, and October 22, 2015 totaling \$332,734.98; and

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) T. Posma, B. Carpenter, C. Lange

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment related to the SSCENT program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment related to the SSCENT program.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Eagle Claims Management has provided excellent worker's compensation third party administrator service to the County and has submitted a not to exceed quote of \$7,150.00 in 2016, \$7,500.00 in 2017 and \$7,500.00 in 2018 for a three-year contract extension to the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a three-year contract with Eagle Claims Management beginning January 1, 2016 and further directs the County Chair to sign said contract.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendments related to the Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendments related to the Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Clerk Kelly is requesting authorization to purchase a printer for the Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of a printer; funds to come from the Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund 262.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for November 10, 2015.

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

Budget Stabilization	\$ 55,000.00
Jail Operations	\$122,000.00
Probate Child Care	\$ 1,800.00
Airport Improvement	\$ 10,000.00
Airport Operations	\$ 75,800.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment related to the Circuit Court Appointed Attorneys.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment related to the Circuit Court Appointed Attorneys.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Treasurer Shirley Smith presented the October 2015 Treasurer's report.

Clerk Cheryl Kelly presented the October 2015 Clerk's Report. Clerk Kelly thanked Commissioners for passing resolution to purchase CPL (Concealed Pistol Licensing) equipment. The Clerk's Office is currently working on new CPL guidelines that will take effect December 1, 2015.

Administrator Knizacky reminded everyone that the Court House would be closed on Wednesday in observance of Veteran's Day. The Performance Dashboard has been submitted to the State and is on the County Web site. Please see Administrator Knizacky if you have any questions.

Public comment: Aarmos Soorus, of the Little Manistee Watershed Management Plan, thanked the Commissioners for their support. He is encouraged by the response the plan is receiving.

Any Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN