The regular meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.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 Clerk Kelly. Pledge to the flag followed.

Motion by C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to extend the due diligence period related to the sale of the Mason County Services Building. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Evelyn Bergaila, Riverton Township, very adamantly discussed issues surrounding the Lake Winds Energy Park since its inception and voiced her concerns regarding her request for this board to only pass this consent judgment if the county can select a fourth consultant of their choice.
- Mary Nichols, Riverton Township, stated that she had issues with the Lake Winds Energy Park document and recommended that guidelines established are reviewed by a sound consultant.
- Adam Smith, attorney for Consumer's Energy, Washtenaw County, spoke on behalf of the Lake Wind's Energy Park. Two key thoughts he focused on include give and take, as well as compromise on both sides to move this issue forward in a timely manner. Additionally he informed the County that Consumer's wants three consultants, is not necessarily opposed to a fourth consultant, but would like to have Consumer's give approval of their results.

Commissioner Hull notified the board before they began the Committee Reporting section, that due to a conflict of interest, he would be abstaining from voting on any issues surrounding the Consent Judgment with Lake Winds Energy Park.

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the following resolution:

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the appointment of the Amber Township, City of Scottville and the Mason County General Public representatives to the Mason County Board of Public Works is required; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there were three responses from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Richard Alway representing Amber Township and Ms. Amy Williams representing the City of Scottville and Mr. Matthew Fournier representing the Mason County General Public.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Richard Alway representing Amber Township, Ms. Amy Williams representing the City of Scottville, and Mr. Matthew Fournier representing the Mason County General Public be appointed to the Mason County Board of Public Works for terms ending December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has designated West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission as the Fiduciary for the 2015 Homeland Security Program; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending approval of an agreement with West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an agreement with West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Circuit Court Judge Susan Sniegowski has recommended an increase for the Circuit Court contracted defense attorneys.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an increase for the Circuit Court contracted defense attorneys from a total of \$94,413 to a total of \$95,829 effective as of January 1, 2016.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner VanderWall questioned whether or not the approval for an increase in the contract for defense attorneys was listed in the formal budget hearing. Administrator Knizacky explained that they were and this was part of the approval process, there is no increase in the budget.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there is one position on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board with a term ending January 31, 2016; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one response from the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Dr. Lewis Squires.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Dr. Lewis Squires be appointed to the one position on the Mason County Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending January 31, 2021.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee feels that an increase in the compensation package is justified.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Future Compensation memo for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. This compensation package shall apply only to those eligible employees not represented by the Fraternal Order of Police or the Teamsters State, County & Municipal Workers Local Union No. 214.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by B. Carpenter and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for December 8, 2015.

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

Jail Operations\$122,000.00Welfare Child Care\$ 59,000.00Social Welfare\$ 7,000.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

Motion by Building, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee Chairman C. VanderWall and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the following resolution:

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there are two positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Steve Begnoche and Mr. Thomas Hooper.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Mr. Steve Begnoche and Mr. Thomas Hooper be appointed to the two positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there are fourteen (14) positions on the Mason County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms expiring on December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there were fourteen (14) responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Wallace Cain, Mr. Thomas Hooper, and Mr. Larry Powers representing the general public; Ms. Julia Chambers and Ms. Mary Reilly representing Environmental Interest Groups; Mr. Todd M. Harland, Mr. Dave Hasenbank, Ms. Belinda Jabrocki, and Mr. Jim Riffle representing the Solid Waste Management Industry; Mr. Joseph Lenius representing Regional Planning; Mr. Scott Ward representing Industrial Waste Generators; Mr. John Shay representing City Government; Mr. Paul Keson representing Township Government; and Mr. Bill Carpenter representing County Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason appoints Mr. Wallace Cain, Mr. Thomas Hooper, and Mr. Larry Powers representing the general public; Ms. Julia Chambers and Ms. Mary Reilly representing Environmental Interest Groups; Mr. Todd M. Harland, Mr. Dave Hasenbank, Ms. Belinda Jabrocki, and Mr. Jim Riffle representing the Solid Waste Management Industry; Mr. Joseph Lenius representing Regional Planning; Mr. Scott Ward representing Industrial Waste Generators; Mr. John Shay representing City Government; Mr. Paul Keson representing Township Government; and Mr. Bill Carpenter representing County Government to fill the vacancies on the Mason County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms expiring on December 31, 2017.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>; Zoning and Building Director Reilly has negotiated the attached mutual cross access easement agreement consistent with the Access Management goals of the County; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending approval of the agreement.

<u>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</u> that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached mutual cross access easement agreement with US 10 Properties, LLC.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

# HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the county's attorney has approached the county about a possible settlement of court cases with Consumers Energy; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Mason County Planning Commission and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the attached consent judgment.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached consent judgment and authorizes the Board Chair and the county attorney to sign any necessary documents on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Lange opened the floor for discussion. Consensus by the Board was that the appropriate adjustments had been made to the consent judgment and all felt that it was fair for both sides representing the County and its constituents. Commissioner Andersen requested clarification due to her concerns regarding the comments made by Mr. Smith, lawyer for Consumers, concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> consultant and she will not allow Consumers to dictate who the County would hire as the 4<sup>th</sup> consultant. Commissioner Lange directed this question back to Mr. Smith, who then clarified. Discussion led to the Board deciding that the final consent judgment would be the draft with Administrator Knizacky's recommendations to be signed by December 30, 2015.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by B. Carpenter to amend the resolution to approve the consent judgment with the following recommendations.

**WHEREAS**, the county's attorney has approached the county about a possible settlement of court cases with Consumers Energy; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Mason County Planning Commission and the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the attached consent judgment recommended on December 7, 2015 by the County Administrator.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached consent judgment and authorizes the Board Chair and the county attorney to sign any necessary documents on their behalf; and-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Consumer Energy has until December 30, 2015 to sign said consent judgment.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Taranko, Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Andersen, Posma. Nays: None. Abstained: Hull. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by J. Andersen to move forward with the approved and amended resolution.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Carpenter, Lange, VanderWall, Andersen, Posma, Taranko. Nays: None. Abstained: Hull

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the County Board of Commissioners approved the sale of the Mason County Services Building to Russell Carlson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlson has been working to complete his due diligence process related to the sale; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, it has been determined that there is some environmental work that needs to be done at the site; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlson has requested an extension of the due diligence period to January 31, 2016.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an extension of the due diligence period to January 31, 2016 related to the sale of Mason County Services Building and directs the board chair to sign any necessary paperwork on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

# HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, MCL 125.3601 (7) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006 allows a legislative body to appoint alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there is one alternate position on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Doug Robidoux.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Mr. Doug Robidoux be appointed as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2018.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there are two positions on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals with terms that expire on December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** there were two responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Ronald Krepps and Ms. Joan Beadle Wiersma.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Mr. Ronald Krepps and Ms. Joan Beadle Wiersma be appointed to fill the two positions on the Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals for terms ending December 31, 2018.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>; Zoning and Building Director Reilly has negotiated the attached mutual cross access easement agreement consistent with the Access Management goals of the County; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee is recommending approval of the agreement.

<u>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</u> that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached mutual cross access easement agreement with Ludington Storage, LLC.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the County Board of Commissioners approved the sale of the Mason County Services Building to Russell Carlson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlson has been working to complete his due diligence process related to the sale; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, it has been determined that there is some environmental work that needs to be done at the site; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlson has offered to split the cost of the environmental work with the county; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the county agree to pay 50% of the cost.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves paying 50% of the cost of the environmental work related to the sale of Mason County Services Building; funds to come from contingency and general fund revenues that exceed the budget.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Commissioner Andersen reported on two local companies that have received economic development monies to assist them with their production, Metal Works and Gourmet Mushrooms.

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there is one position on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. Board of Directors with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Ms. Patsy Hagerman.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Ms. Patsy Hagerman be appointed to the one position on the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, 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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, 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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee has evaluated the zoning & building fees and are recommending the attached fee schedule.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached fee schedule for zoning & building effective January 1, 2016.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

## HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there are five positions on the Mason County Council on Aging with terms ending December 31, 2015 from District #1, District #2, District #3, District #4, and District #6; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #3 from Ms. Beth Smith; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one eligible response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #6 from Mr. H. Andrew Kaatz; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there were two eligible responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News for the one position representing District #4 from Ms. Marcia Kennedy and Mr. Thomas Hooper.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Ms. Beth Smith representing District #3, and Mr. H. Andrew Kaatz representing District #6 be appointed to the Mason County Council on Aging for terms expiring on December 31, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ms. Marcia Kennedy and Mr. Thomas Hooper be considered for the one position representing District #4 for a term expiring on December 31, 2017.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for the one position in District #4. Kennedy: four votes. Hooper: Three votes. Position to be filled by Marcia Kennedy.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

## HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, Section IV of the Mason County Remonumentation Plan states that the County Grant Administrator must submit surveyor contracts to the Mason County Board of Commissioners for approval and authorization; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of amendments to the contracts with Mr. Rex Pope, Mr. Jim Nordlund, Mr. Noah Penn, & Mr. John Schulke.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the amendments to the contracts with Mr. Rex Pope, Mr. Jim Nordlund, Mr. Noah Penn, & Mr. John Schulke and further directs the Board Chair to sign said contracts on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set a date for the annual Budget Amendment Meeting.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason establishes, December 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM as the date and the time for the annual Budget Amendment Meeting.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there is one position on the Mason County District Library Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, this position must be filled by a candidate who resides in the County of Mason exclusive of the City of Ludington, Hamlin Township, or Pere Marquette Charter Township; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there were two eligible responses to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Robert Kran.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Mr. Thomas Hooper and Mr. Robert Kran be considered for appointed to the one position on the Mason County District Library Board that must be filled by a candidate who resides in the County of Mason exclusive of the City of Ludington, Hamlin Township, or Pere Marquette Charter Township for a term expiring on December 31, 2019.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners voting for one. Hooper: No votes. Kran: Seven votes. Position to be filled by Robert Kran.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reached a tentative agreement with the Teamsters State, County, & Municipal Worker Local 214 for the Corrections/Clerical employees of the Mason County Sheriff Department; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the local membership of the Teamsters State, County, & Municipal Worker Local 214 ratified the tentative agreement on November 10, 2015.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the labor contract with the Teamsters State, County, & Municipal Worker Local 214 for the Corrections/Clerical employees of the Mason County Sheriff Office and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma, B. Carpenter, C. Lange

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

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated November 5, 2015 totaling \$288,986.94 and November 19, 2015 totaling \$336,135.39; 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) C. Lange, B. Carpenter

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by T. Posma to approve the following resolution:

# HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) desires to eliminate local turf issues, build local partnerships, enhance communications and develop a better understanding of the economic development process in the County of Mason by involving representation of local units of government that play an important economic development role in the County of Mason; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, members of the Mason County EDC Board also serve on the Mason County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Board of Directors of the EDC recommends the following individual, by virtue of his position, be appointed to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for the following term:

Amber Township Supervisor James Gallie

December 31, 2021

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Mr. James Gallie to the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board by virtue of his position; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this individual will be automatically removed from the Mason County EDC Board of Directors and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board if he no longer holds his position as outlined above and his position replacement would require formal approval by the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

#### HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff Department requires an annual review of the salary; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending the attached 2016 salary schedule for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff's Office.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2016 salary schedule for the Act 312 eligible employees of the Mason County Sheriff Office.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by Chairman Lange and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

# HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there is one position on the Mason County Growth Alliance with a term that expires on December 31, 2015; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, there was one response to the advertisement notice that was published in the Ludington Daily News from Commissioner Curt VanderWall.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that Commissioner Curt VanderWall be appointed to the one position on the Mason County Growth Alliance for a term ending December 31, 2018.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner Vanderwall abstained from voting.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

## HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

<u>WHEREAS</u>, District Court Judge Wadel has recommended an increase for the District Court contracted defense attorneys.

<u>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</u>, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves an increase for the District Court contracted defense attorneys from a total of \$43,643 to a total of \$44,298 effective as of January 1, 2016.

Moved for your approval.

Commissioner VanderWall again questioned whether or not the approval for an increase in the contract for defense attorneys was listed in the formal budget hearing. Administrator Knizacky further explained that they were and this was part of the approval process, there is no increase in the budget.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Treasurer Shirley Smith presented the November 2015 Treasurer's Report and the Mason County Treasury Bond Report.

Clerk Cheryl Kelly presented November 2015 Clerk's Report.

## Public comment:

- Evelyn Bergaila, Riverton Township, was delighted to hear that the Gourmet Mushroom Factory received economic development monies. She encouraged everyone to go on Friday for their sales stating it is quite an accomplishment of Mr. David Law to be able to provide such a delicacy.
  - Mary Nichols wished all a blessed and Merry Christmas.
- Adam Smith, Consumers Energy, appreciates the Board's support and intends on finalizing the Lake Wind's Energy Park agreement as soon as possible.

## Any Unfinished Business:

• Motion by T. Posma and seconded by C. VanderWall to hold the 2016 County Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting date on January 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the regularly scheduled board meeting. Motion carried.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.		
CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK	CHARLES LANGE, BOARD CHAIRMAN	