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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 VanderWall.

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 S. Hull. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by W. Taranko and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by S. Hull to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No correspondence was read.

Public comment:

- Evelyn Bergaila, Riverton Township, supported the approval of the zoning map amendment which would allow Sync Wave to develop the property to expand their business to continue to update and provide additional service to the Mason County area.

Airport Manager Dave Johnson updated the County Board on several projects that were completed in 2015 including the re-certification of the PAPI lights in September 2015. The non-directional beacon transmitter was removed in September of 2015 making the airport system totally reliant on GPS for navigation. Goals for 2016 would be the restoration project of runway 8, the continued efforts towards removal of trees on the north side of runway 8, and updating the airport layout plan. The Young Eagles Program will take place July 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has received authorization for a 50% Grant for the purchase of protective vests from the Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending the original equipment purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the original equipment purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund and the receipt of the grant back into the Equipment Replacement Fund when it is received from the Department of Justice.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

Bill Carpenter gave an agency report for Council on Aging and indicated that there has been no response to his efforts to fill the opening on the Council on Aging Board at this time. The Parks and Recreation Commission will continue to update and improve the services they are providing within the local parks.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee is recommending the attached budget amendment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached budget amendment.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink is requesting \$2,638.69 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase a laptop computer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety & Courts Committee is recommending the approval of this purchase from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves \$2,638.69 to purchase a laptop computer; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

Motion by C. 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 April 7, 2016 totaling \$107,865.53, and April 21, 2016 totaling \$577,875.19; 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 S. Hull and seconded by J. Andersen to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has approved a grant to review, verify, and update SARA Title III Off-Site Plans for the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Public Safety and Courts Committee are recommending the attached agreement with Meredith Filter.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the County of Mason and Meredith Filter.

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**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason has accepted the responsibility for building inspection services in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning and Building Director is recommending the attached contract with the Building Inspector.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Contract for Building Inspection Services and directs the Board Chair to sign it on their behalf.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) S. Hull

Motion by Buildings, Planning, Drains, & Airport Committee Chairman J. Andersen and seconded by S. Hull to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bill Lehrbass has requested a rezoning from Neighborhood Commercial (C-2) to Industrial (I) for the southern 423 feet of the land located at (Pump Engineering and Supply by US/31 bypass at US-10 west of Scottville): 499 W. US-10, SECTION 13, AMBER TOWNSHIP, E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 LYING N OF PM RR, EXC W 610 FT, EXC ALSO E 250 FT, ALSO EXC COMM AT NW COR OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4, TH E 610 FT TH S 04 DEG 30'E 75.07 FT, TH N 88 DEG 00'E 142.4 FT TO POB THIS EXCEPTION, TH S 02 DEG 00'E 400 FT, TH S 88 DEG 00'W 32 FT, TH S 02 DEG 00'E 423.10 FT TO C&O RR R/W, TH N 79 DEG 06'20"E ALG N LINE OF RR R/W 398.06 FT, TH N 04 DEG 43'45"W PAR WITH N-S 1/4 LINE 762.31 FT, TH S 88 DEG 00'W 325.15 FT TO POB THIS EXCEPTION, T18N R17W (parcel # 001-013-019-00).; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission is recommending approval of this request.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the request to rezone from Neighborhood Commercial (C-2) to Industrial (I) for the southern 423 feet of the land located at (Pump Engineering and Supply by US/31 bypass at US-10 west of Scottville): 499 W. US-10, SECTION 13, AMBER TOWNSHIP, E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 LYING N OF PM RR, EXC W 610 FT, EXC ALSO E 250 FT, ALSO EXC COMM AT NW COR OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4, TH E 610 FT TH S 04 DEG 30'E 75.07 FT, TH N 88 DEG 00'E 142.4 FT TO POB THIS EXCEPTION, TH S 02 DEG 00'E 400 FT, TH S 88 DEG 00'W 32 FT, TH S 02 DEG 00'E 423.10 FT TO C&O RR R/W, TH N 79 DEG 06'20"E ALG N LINE OF RR R/W 398.06 FT, TH N 04 DEG 43'45"W PAR WITH N-S 1/4 LINE 762.31 FT, TH S 88 DEG 00'W 325.15 FT TO POB THIS EXCEPTION, T18N R17W (parcel # 001-013-019-00).

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) J. Andersen

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Cole is recommending the replacement of the roof at the Mason County Jail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending the bid from Versatile Roofing Systems, Inc.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the bid from Versatile Roofing Systems, Inc. for the replacement of the roof at the Mason County Jail; funds for a project budget of \$231,000.00 to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for May 10, 2016.

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

Jail Operations	\$126,000.00
Airport Operations	\$ 38,550.00

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a not-for-profit historical recognition institution dedicated to honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our local sports; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, 2016, marks the 12th such class of individuals and teams to be inducted in its illustrious hall through its unveiling at Historic White Pine Village through a partnership with the Mason County Historical Society and an induction banquet at Lincoln Hills Golf Club; and

**WHEREAS**, its Board of Directors has selected five former individual athletes and a team who will be inducted into the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, the 12th class of inductees includes **Mike Benedict**, the 1981 Class B state cross country champion for Ludington High School in his senior year. He was a three-time all-Seaway Conference athlete in track and was the conference champion in the two-mile his senior year. Benedict eventually ran for Saginaw Valley State. An avid bowler, he has bowled 18 perfect games and an 800 series or better three times; **George Cartier** was the very first quarterback for the University of Notre Dame. The Ludington native, along with his brother Warren, helped to get the Fighting Irish's first football field started, and it was named for the Cartiers. He went on to be the co-founder and manager of South Bend Mills & Timber Company in South Bend, Washington; **Bud Dodson** became involved in Special Olympics in 1986 and in 10 years was the Area 24 Director. He guided the group from a \$6,000 a year budget to one that has \$34,000 for more than 115 athletes. He also coached 11 different sports while also helping to certify 60 coaches around the state; **Ross Donley** coached the Ludington High School track teams for 37 years and cross country for 26 years. His track teams won 16 league titles, four regional titles and three times were in the top 10 at the state meet. Donley's cross country teams won six league titles and four regional titles. He is a four-time regional cross country coach of

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the year and the 1983 track coach of the year. Donley is one of the founders of the Ludington Lakestride road race, he also has served on the steering committees for Relay for Life and the West Michigan All-Star Track and Field Meet; **Jenny (Irwin) Every** set several Ferris State University track records after an outstanding high school career at Mason County Central. At MCC, she qualified for the state meet four times running in the 800-meter and 1,600 as well as the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. Irwin set six Ferris State records and made appearances three consecutive years at the NCAA Division II meet, was named the 2006 GLIAC Most Valuable Runner, won All-American honors twice in 2006 and was a finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year; the **1986 Mason County Central Boys Track and Field Team** won the MHSAA Class C state championship, defeating Detroit St. Martin dePorres by two points in the state meet. The Spartans started the season after finishing as the state runner-up in 1985. MCC went on to win the 17-team Fremont Invitational, the East Grand Rapids Invitational, the Traverse City Relays and the West Michigan Conference title as well as a regional title. The team, coached by **Bruce Krieger** and Assistant Coach **Cliff Elliott**, was composed of **Bryan Adams, Jeff Barnett, Randy Bedker, Jeff Christensen, Steve Citko, Jeff Croff, Kevin Duncil, Steve Glamzi, Jason Hull, Bob Jensen, Tom Johnson, Dave Keefer, Ken Kimes, Kevin Kimes, Andy Knudsen, John Letsinger, Joe Luce, Jim McCann, Mike McCumber, Andy Meli, Alan Olsen, Jamie Olsen, Brian Quinn, Mike Root, Joey Schihl, Chuck Shereda, Daron Talsma, Chris Thurow, Jim Tyndall and Jim Weinert.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, does hereby declare June 18, 2016 as Mason County Sports Hall of Fame Day and that this resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the May 10, 2016 County Commission proceedings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason, speaking for the citizens of the County of Mason and for themselves, offers their sincere congratulations to the 2016 inductees to the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. Moved for your approval.

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Curtis S. VanderWall, Board Chairperson

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement taken from the proceedings of the Mason County Board of Commissioners' meeting of May 10, 2016.

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Cheryl Kelly, Mason County Clerk

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Management Coordinator Reimink and the Public Safety & Courts Committee are recommending the appointment of Ms. Tammy Miller to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the appointment of Ms. Tammy Miller to the Mason County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, May is Mental Health Month; and

**WHEREAS**, stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognize that stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Lake, Mason and Oceana County, in coordination with West Michigan Community Mental Health and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, will be representing their home counties in an event titled "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" at the State Capitol on May 18, 2016 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognizes May as Mental Health Month and supports the efforts of the citizens of Mason County participating in the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" event to promote awareness of, and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. VanderWall

**May 10, 2016**

Treasurer Kmetz presented the June 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Clerk Kelly presented the June 2015 Clerk's Report. The Clerk's Office is currently working on the August 2nd Primary Election ballots. In addition, all of the Courts are meeting to discuss the court merger that will be taking place prior to Judge Wadel's retirement.

Administrator Knizacky reported that the spring financial audit was completed and went well with the auditors finishing in less than three days with only one adjustment. Chairman VanderWall congratulated him on that achievement. Administrator Knizacky noted that it was a team effort from all offices involved.

There was no public comment.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

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CURTIS S. VANDERWALL, BOARD CHAIRMAN