

June 14, 2016

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 Curt 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 J. Andersen. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

Motion by T. Posma and seconded by B. Carpenter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Lange and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman referenced correspondence from Huron County.

Public comment:

- Richard Quinn, Amber Township, addressed concerns regarding issues on US 10 corridor and feels the need to have more policing of this section of highway in Mason County. He indicated that it was impossible to make a left hand turn onto US 10, he is frustrated with the fact that people are not using the left lane correctly, and that there is not enough law enforcement to help monitor this area. He noted that the Sheriff has requested more staff to cover this section, and that when there are tickets issued, the Judge throws them out. He would like more deputies on the road.

Animal Control Officer Joe Marion presented his annual report noting that 2015 ended on average as compared to 2014. All equipment and the Animal Control truck are working great at this time. Commissioner Posma asked for a comparison report for 2014. Officer Marion will email this to Administrator Knizacky for distribution and their review. Officer Marion reports that he feels numbers are down due to the cold weather and most people are not back from the South, as well as there have been less animals in the clinic as compared to previous years.

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$29,659.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase a Ford Edge SEL AWD to replace the vehicle he drives; 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 \$29,659.00 to purchase a Ford Edge SEL AWD to replace the vehicle the Sheriff drives; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of one vehicle recommended by the Sheriff.

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, the State of Michigan and the County of Mason have historically worked together to provide for Marine Safety Programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached 2016 Marine Safety Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan and the County of Mason and further directs the County Chair to sign said agreement.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) W. Taranko

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has offered a contract to reimburse the county for the construction of a taxiway for hangar access and a 6-unit hangar at the Mason County Airport; and

WHEREAS, under this contract the County of Mason will receive grants from the federal and state governments totaling \$56,050.00 out of a total project cost of \$59,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves Contract No. 2016-0312 for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project to reimburse the county for the construction of a taxiway for hangar access and a 6-unit hangar at the Mason County Airport and directs the Board Chair Curtis S. VanderWall to sign said contract; local share funds of \$2,950.00 to come from the Airport Improvement Fund #481.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) B. Carpenter

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

The Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has audited the County's claims dated May 05, 2016 totaling \$148,619.62 and May 19, 2016 totaling \$497,366.29; 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) B. Carpenter, C. Lange, T. Posma,

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, and Rules Committee has reviewed the transfers for June 14, 2016.

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

Jail Operations	\$123,325.00
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Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, District Health Department #10 has requested that Mason County Treasurer Kmetz act as their County Depository; and

WHEREAS, Treasurer Kmetz is willing to accept this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending that the Board approve the attached agreement between the Mason County Treasurer and District Health Department #10 Board of Health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached agreement between the Mason County Treasurer and District Health Department #10 Board of Health and directs the Board Chair to sign said agreement on their behalf.

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

WHEREAS, Mason County Sheriff Cole has requested authorization to purchase five portable radios from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the purchase of five portable radios for the Sheriff's Office; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) C. Lange

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Motion by S. Hull and seconded by W. Taranko to approve the following resolution:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is requesting \$29,659.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase a Ford Edge SEL AWD for the Detective Bureau; 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 \$29,659.00 to purchase a Ford Edge SEL AWD for the Detective Bureau; funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund 402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes the sale of one vehicle recommended by the Sheriff.

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, 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 2014 Homeland Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board has authorized the purchase of an EOTech X320 Thermal Imager; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mason needs to approve the attached Certification of Goods Received.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached Certification of Goods Received and authorizes the Board Chair to sign this document.

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, the Department of Health and Human Services has requested the air ducts be cleaned at the 915 Diana Street building; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of the attached design proposal from R2 Design Group.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the attached design proposal from R2 Design Group for the architectural services for a project at the 915 Diana Street building; funds to come from the Building Authority Operations Fund.

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; Section 17.59 Subsection 1.b.7. of the Mason County Zoning Ordinance requires a proof of a bond, cash deposit or deposit of negotiable securities and public liability insurance to be provided to the Planning Commission to ensure conformance to County operational and reclamation standards; and

WHEREAS; the Mason County Planning Commission & Zoning & Building Director Reilly are recommending a \$750.00 cash deposit to cover rehabilitation costs related to the sand mining operation at 786 N. Meyer Road in Amber Township; and

WHEREAS; the Buildings, Planning, Drains, and Airport Committee is recommending approval of this cash deposit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves a \$750.00 cash deposit to cover rehabilitation costs related to the sand mining operation at 786 N. Meyer Road in Amber Township.

Moved for your approval.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mason County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy, with the summer tax levies for 2005 and 2006 to be in the amount of 1/3 and 2/3, respectively, of the total County allocated tax, with the full amount of County allocated tax to be levied and collected as a summer tax levy in 2007 and thereafter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Mason County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2016, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County is directed to account for and deliver the County allocated tax collections for 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax on July 1, 2016, at the rate of 5.0967 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Administrator to the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Mason County.

Moved for your approval.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: W. Taranko, B. Carpenter, C. Lange, C. VanderWall, S. Hull, J. Andersen, T. Posma. Nays: None.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

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

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy in the Equalization office as a result of a retirement; and

WHEREAS Equalization Director Routhier has requested that the clerical position vacancy be filled three weeks prior to the retirement date so that the new employee can be trained.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason authorizes Equalization Director Routhier to fill a vacancy in his department three weeks early consistent with the terms in the attached memo.

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 Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority is recommending the use of the attached volunteer forms; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee is recommending approval of the attached forms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason approves the use of the attached volunteer forms.

Moved for your approval.

Chairman VanderWall thanked the Finance, Personnel, & Rules Committee for their time and effort in consideration of the volunteer forms.

Motion carried. (Signed) T. Posma

Treasurer Kmetz presented the May 2016 Treasurer's Report, the 2015 Tax Foreclosed Lands Summary Report, and the 2015 Annual Investment Report. He noted that interest rates are leveling out at this time.

Clerk Kelly presented the May 2016 Clerk's Report. She noted that the Clerk's office is currently working on the August 2, 2016 primary election.

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Administrator Knizacky informed the board that he received the finalized 2015 Audit report this week, and will present a copy at the July meeting. He noted the Jail roof project should be starting soon. He informed the Board that the Planning Commission is involved with an on-line survey that is currently being created and requested that once the survey is completed, to have the Board take this survey.

Public comment:

- Evelyn Bergaila, Riverton Township, asked Chairman VanderWall to read the letter from Huron County as she wanted to know what the correspondence was about. As Chairman VanderWall was reading, she stopped him and thanked him for reading, and told him he did not need to go any further as she thought the letter might be related to the wind turbines, but it was related to fracking issues.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

CURTIS S. VANDERWALL, BOARD CHAIRMAN