

MASON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2025 6:30 pm.
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AGENDA

1. Call To Order:

2. Invocation:

3. Pledge:

4. Roll Call-Executive Committee Present:

5. Absent Excused: Cheryl Kelly

6. Approval of March 4, 2025 meeting minutes: Motion

7. Treasurer Report: Financials for March 2025 – Motion

***No comments or questions from the audience during Official Business from #8 A Unfinished Business and #8 B New Business. Thank you.**

8. Official Business-Executive Committee Reports from Committee Members:

A. Unfinished Business:

1. Update on bus trip - Nicole
2. Update LDD – Monday, May 19th & Annual Letter - Sheila

B. New Business:

1. Adopt-A-Highway
2. Tariffs
3. EPA Regulations
3. HB 4304
4. Congressional Review Act
5. NY Court of Appeals ruled 6-1 that allowing non-citizens to vote is unconstitutional
6. Focus of Life Annual Benefit Dinner, May 5th, Lincoln Hills Golf Club

9. Reports from Federal & State Elected officials: US Congressman John Moolenaar, State Senator Jon Bumstead, State Representatives, Joseph Fox & Curt VanderWall.

10. Reports from County Elected Officials & D-2 Member:

11. Announcements:

MI Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Facility Siting Webpage

<https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/regulatory/facility-siting/renewable-energy-and-storage-facility-siting>

DOGE Website, <https://doge.gov/regulations>

Border Wall

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced the first border wall contract of Donald Trump's second term, awarding \$70 million worth of work to California-based Granite Construction Co. to erect seven new miles of wall. Construction will take place in Hidalgo County, Texas. The Border Patrol agency said that the area being targeted routinely "experiences large numbers of individuals and narcotics being smuggled into the country illegally." <https://tinyurl.com/2bnhotj4>

Deportations

Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele announced his country's acceptance of hundreds of Venezuelan gang members who were illegally living in the United States on March 16th, releasing footage of their arrival and celebrating the development as a win for public safety. https://x.com/nayibbukele/status/1901245427216978290?utm_campaign=march17morningnote&utm_medium=email&utm_source=iterable&utm_content=morningnote

Donald Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, which allows the deportation of natives and citizens of an enemy nation without a hearing, making the move possible.

Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy

Trump campaigned on reducing the Federal Bureaucracy and on Feb. 19, 2025 he issued a directive to reduce the size of the federal government, eliminate non-essential agencies and advisory committees, and minimize statutory functions to the lowest level required by law. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/02/25/2025-03133/commencing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy>

On March 14, 2025 he issued an order that named seven agencies that were slated for elimination: the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, United States Agency for Global Media, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Institute of Museum and Library Services, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and the Minority Business Development Agency. The White House fact sheet identifies an eighth entity to be wound down—the Arctic Research Commission. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/continuing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>

For more explanation of this action: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/03/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-continues-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>

Department of Education Investigations

The U.S. Department of Education has opened investigations into 45 universities accused of violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by participating in programs or activities that allegedly discriminate based on race, the department announced on Friday, March 14. “The Department is working to reorient civil rights enforcement to ensure all students are protected from illegal discrimination,” U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon said. For the news release and a list of schools under investigation: <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/office-civil-rights-initiates-title-vi-investigations-institutions-of-higher-education-0>

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor is under investigation for allegedly engaging in race-exclusionary practices in their graduate programs and Grand Valley State University is under investigation for alleged impermissible race-based scholarships and race-based segregation.

12. Guests and Supporting Members “Public Comments” per Robert’s Rules & OMA.

Maximum of 5 minutes. No questions or debates allowed.

13. Adjournment.

Next meeting date is May 6, 2025, 6:30pm, Hamlin Town Hall