

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**October 3, 2019**

Vice Chair Marchetti called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Annie File, Michael Grice, Roseann Marchetti,  
Terry Ausra and Skip Dyes.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Benjamin and E. Clark Cobb.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy County Administrator/Information Systems Director Kerry Collins and  
Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the October 3, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda. Vice Chair Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to amend the agenda with the addition of new business item 7. Discussion on last Friday's BOC Work Study. Motion to amend the agenda carried by voice vote. Vice Chair Marchetti called for approval of the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure:** Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to designate the first Public Comment of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting for agenda items only. Motion carried by voice vote.

No additional changes were necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2020 Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates:**

January 2	July 2
January 16	July 16
February 6	August 6
February 20	August 20
March 5	September 3
March 19	September 17
April 2	October 1
April 16	October 15

May 7	November 5
May 21	November 19
June 4	December 3
June 18	December 17

Discussion followed. Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to amend the calendar to remove the January 2, 2020 and January 16, 2020 meeting dates and to add Thursday, January 9, 2020 and Thursday, January 23, 2020 as regular meeting dates. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to change the start time of the Regular Board Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

## 2. 2020 Holiday Schedule:

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26
Day after Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31

Discussion followed. It was noted that the Day after Thanksgiving should be Friday, November 27, 2020.

**3. Grant Policy:** Vice Chair Marchetti stated that the auditor suggested the County put a grant policy in place in order to receive federal funds.

**4. Dispatch Server:** Undersheriff Clint Roach and Information Systems Director Kerry Collins explained the Dispatch Server for digital logging needed upgrading in order to be compatible with the Peninsula Fiber Network. The replacement quote was \$21,529.00. The budget contained \$8,000.00 in line item 261-301-980.000. The remaining balance will be paid out of fund balance.

**5. Sheriff/County w/FOP:** Undersheriff Roach explained the Letter of Understanding between the Sheriff's Department and the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. The letter stemmed from the union asking for the process to be re-defined when officers are appointed to the County Drug Team.

**6. (M-180-19)** Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the September 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**7. Discussion on the September 27, 2019 BOC Work Study:** Commissioners discussed the success of the September 27, 2019 Work Study. They enjoyed the presentations and commented on all seven commissioners attending. Also, many County organizations had a representative (Road Commission, Cass District Library, Medical Care Facility). Vice Chair Marchetti encouraged board members to think about topics for future Work Studies.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ontwa Township Supervisor Jerry Marchetti stated he attended the MTA Meeting where there was much concern over Governor Whitmer's budget vetoes.

Treasurer Hope Anderson stated that second graders from Sam Adams Elementary School visited the County Building. Treasurer's Office employee Tasha McCoy provided a presentation to the students. Each student left with a Cass County pin. Mrs. Anderson added that Cass County would celebrate their Bicentennial Anniversary in 2029.

Commissioner Ausra posed a question on the equipment upgrade for the dispatch server. Director Collins explained it was not an annual expense but rather a onetime fee to purchase new equipment. The life expectancy of the new equipment would be 3-5 years. Discussion followed regarding the contract with Peninsula Fiber. Undersheriff Roach explained that Cass County was one of the last three Counties in the State of Michigan to sign on with Peninsula Fiber as a backup network for 911 calls. The project should be complete within the next six months.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Roseann Marchetti, Vice Chair

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Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register