

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 16, 2019

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 in the Commission Chambers.

Vice Chair Marchetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation. Commissioner File led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Benjamin.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the May 16, 2019 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion to approve carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

Prosecutor Victor A. Fitz and Victim Rights Coordinator Marie Anderson presented the 2019 Victim Rights Week Book Cover Winners.

R-84-19

Vice Chair Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the following resolution:

NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER WEEK MAY 12-18, 2019

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Cass County, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

WHEREAS, In 2018 alone, 163 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

WHEREAS, Michigan's Cass County fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and, also, all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

WHEREAS, Cass County, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Cass County Board of Commissioners declare May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in the County of Cass, Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners File, Grice, Cobb, Marchetti, Ausra and Dyes.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Benjamin

Resolution R-84-19 carried by roll call vote.

R-97-19

Vice Chair Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the following resolution:

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK MAY 5-11, 2019

WHEREAS, Correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees are resourceful, capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals in criminal justice and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors;

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel and treat thousands of offenders; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, correctional officers and employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, the public

and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners Grice, Cobb, Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes and File.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Benjamin.

Resolution R-97-19 carried by roll call vote.

Sheriff Behnke thanked the board for recognizing the Corrections Officers and Police Officers.

PRESENTATIONS

MAEAP Technician Erez Baldwin offered the MACAO Update.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, that the following items be voted on at one time by roll call vote and be considered as a consent agenda by the Board of Commissioners:

(M-98-19) A motion to approve Claims dated May 3, 2019

(M-99-19) A motion to approve the FY2020 Community Corrections Application and Plan

(M-100-19) A motion to approve the purchase of a package scanner for the Law & Courts Building from Smiths Detection in the amount of \$25,335.00 to be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund

(M-101-19) A motion to approve the appointment of Hailey Harman to the Cass County Parks Board for a term ending January 1, 2022 and the reappointment of Leon Laylin to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2019

Approval of the May 2, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners Cobb, Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes, File and Grice.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Benjamin.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Ausra, File, Dyes, Marchetti, Grice and Cobb furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen provided the Administrator's Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioners had no questions on the Financial Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Behnke informed the board that the marine division will be on local lakes over Memorial Day Weekend. He also informed commissioners that the Sheriff's Office is unable to legally enforce no wake zones on local lakes.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Marchetti provided an announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Robert Benjamin, Chair

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register