

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 17, 2017

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, August 17, 2017 in the Cass County Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Robert Ziliak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner File provided the Invocation. Commissioner Ausra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Karen Folks, Finance Director Angie Steinman and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to add a third presentation by Troy Clay of the Economic Development Corporation regarding the Vintage Courthouse to the August 17, 2017 agenda.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to remove motions M-116-17 and M-117-17 in light of the fact that Troy Clay from the EDC was making a presentation about the Vintage Courthouse. Motions carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Jason Morgan represented the Citizenship Washington Focus Delegates and made a presentation about the trip to Washington. There were several stops on the trip and he indicated that it was a great learning experience.

Cass County Road Commissioner Manager gave a presentation to the board of the Annual County Commissioners Update. He gave a handout to everyone and went over the information.

Troy Clay from Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation regarding the Vintage Courthouse. He explained to the board that he wanted permission from them to create a plan to restore the Vintage Courthouse. After hearing the presentation the board wanted time to digest the information. By a show of hands the board decided to allow the EDC to come up with a plan and present the plan in 30 days.

RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

M-121-17

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve claims dated August 4, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-122-17

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to establish a budget amendment in the Medical Examiner Department of the General Fund Budget. This amendment will be funded by the increased revenue in the County Jail Reimbursement account.

Fund 101 GENERAL FUND

Revenues		Budget Increase
101-000-684.011	REIM-IN COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL	5,000
Expenses		Budget Increase
101-648-818.000	EXAMINER FEES	5,000

Motion carried by voice vote.

M-123-17

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve a contract with Yeo & Yeo to prepare the Cass County FY2017 annual audit. Finance Director Angie Steinman gave the commissioners a handout with her recommendations and the reasons behind her recommendation. Yeo & Yeo came in with a little higher bid; however, Alan Panter is now with

Yeo & Yeo and has been and will continue to be the lead auditor for the County. Abraham & Gaffney has dissolved their auditing division and will no longer be performing municipal audits. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-118-17

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve establishing a new hire pension division with MERS. Chair Ziliak did a voice vote, but it was too close to call.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes(3): Commissioners File, Ziliak and Ausra

No(4): Commissioners Grice, Dyes, Marchetti and Cobb.

Motion M-118-17 failed by roll call vote.

M-124-17

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the payment of invoice #2 to M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group in the amount of \$141,202.80. This payment is part of the Dodd Park Water Trail Project which was approved at the June 16, 2016 (R-82-16) and March 16, 2017 (M-31-17) Board of Commissioners meetings and will be paid out of line item #245-244-801.154.

Parks Director Scott Wyman updated the board and let them know that the project is coming along very well. No further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-125-17

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2017 Budget Work Study minutes and the August 3rd, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Ausra, Marchetti, Cobb and Ziliak offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Folks offered the administrator's report.

OLD BUSINESS

M-110-17

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to designate Administrator Karen L. Folks as the 2017 MERS Employer Officer Delegate, Dave Dickey as the Alternate Officer Delegate and Jon Shoup as the Employee Delegate to attend the annual MERS conference.

Administrator Folks confirmed that she would be attending both the MERS conference and the MAC conference. Commissioner Cobb will be joining her for the MAC conference. No further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Burke Webb, Marcellus Township
Bill Saunders, Silver Creek Township
Larry Crandall, Wayne Township
Charlie Arnold, Penn Township

All of the gentlemen spoke regarding the vintage courthouse and what they would like to see done with it.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ausra made board member comments/announcements.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Robert Ziliak, Chairperson

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register