

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 20, 2017**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, 2017 in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Robert Ziliak called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Kennedy called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Karen L. Folks, Finance Director Angie Steinman and Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the July 20, 2017 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda with the note that Jeff Goodheart would discuss motion M-101-17 rather than Joel Ellingson. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Director Tom Green presented the Veterans' Department Annual Report.

CEO Lynn Kellogg and Contracts Manager Pam Kahanek offered the Area Agency on Aging Annual Report.

Judge Susan Dobrich discussed the Indigent Defense Counsel Services.

**RECOGNITIONS**

None.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **M-100-17**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve claims dated 7/14/17. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-101-17**

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the easement, supplemental easement and right of way as set forth in the documents submitted on behalf of American Electric Power (AEP) by Contract Land Staff, LLC. Line name: Kenzie Creek – Corey, Line #: TLN120:94088, Easement #: 214A, Parcel # 14-080-031-001-01 and Easement # 217, Parcel # 14-080-031-001-01. Jeff Goodheart of Contract Land Staff offered details on the AEP easements. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-102-17**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Malibu LT, VIN #1G1ZE5ST5HF213685, from C. Wimberley Automotive Group at a cost of \$22,743.14. The vehicle will be paid from the Motor Pool Fund, 661-000-148.000. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-103-17**

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to implement the full impact for employer contributions under MERS own actuarial assumptions. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-104-17**

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the Region IV Area Agency on Aging Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-105-17**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to elect candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-106-17**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the June 28, 2017 BOC Work Study Minutes, the July 6, 2017 BOC Work Study Minutes and the July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners Ausra, Dyes and Grice furnished committee reports.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Karen L. Folks provided a written Administrator's Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Marchetti offered information on the May Special Election held in Van Buren County. The Special Election that asked voters to approve a millage to renovate the jail and courthouse was defeated by a two to one margin. Election costs totaled more than \$47,000 while architectural studies cost in excess of \$150,000.

Chair Ziliak shared an article discussing the retirement plan offered by the United States Military.

Chair Ziliak discussed the County Tire Collection set for August 5th. He reminded volunteers to wear old clothes and gloves.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

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Robert Ziliak, Chairperson

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Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register