CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2016

The County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Robert Wagel, Annie File, Dwight Dyes, Robert Ziliak, Bernie Williamson, Roseann Marchetti and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the November 17, 2016 Cass County Board of Commissioners Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

R-155-16

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Frank Machnik began working for Cass County on April 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Machnik has served continuously from that date to the present in the capacity of Cass County Chief Assistant Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant Prosecutor has been instrumental during his eight years in Cass County with the essential constitutional responsibilities of pursuing justice and protecting the public; and

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Machnik's efforts have positively impacted the lives of thousands of Cass County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Machnik's leadership, personality, sense of humor and hard work will be greatly missed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners recognizes Chief Assistant Prosecutor Machnik and his years of service to Cass County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board wishes Chief Assistant Prosecutor Machnik the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners Wagel, File, Dyes, Ziliak, Williamson, Marchetti and Cobb.

No (0): None.

Resolution R-155-16 carried by roll call vote.

Environmental Stewardship Award

County Conservation District Director Korie Blyveis presented the Environmental Stewardship Award to Commissioner Robert Ziliak. She recognized his efforts with the regional solid waste consortium, household hazardous waste collection and his advocacy for the residents of Cass County.

National Weather Service "Storm Ready" Recognition

Cass County Emergency Management Director David Smith and Thomas Atkinson, Chief of Staff at Southwestern Michigan College introduced Michael Lewis of the National Weather Service. Mr. Lewis assisted Smith and Atkinson to make Southwestern Michigan College "Storm Ready" at both campuses (Dowagiac and Niles). He presented them with certificates as well as signs to display on the outside of the buildings.

PRESENTATIONS

Cass County Conservation District

Cass County Conservation District Director Korie Blyveis presented the Annual Report.

Michigan State University Extension

Julie Pioch, Coordinator of District 13, and MSU staff offered the Michigan State University Extension Annual Report.

Parks & 4-H: Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat Partnership Event

Parks Director Scott Wyman discussed the successful Parks Harvest Festival held at Lawless Park. He thanked the MSU Extension for their help throughout the year as well as their coordination of the Trunk or Treat during the Harvest Festival. The event surpassed expectations and drew more than 1,700 visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Wagel, 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:

FINANCIAL

(M-147-16) A motion to approve Claims dated November 4, 2016

(M-148-16) A motion to approve the MSU Workplan for FY2017

(M-149-16) A motion to accept SAW Grant from the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of $139,500.00 with a County match of $15,500.00, for a total project cost of $155,000.00. The funds will be used for the Dowagiac River Watershed Project.

(M-150-16) A motion to approve the purchase of three (3) 2017 vehicles from C. Wimberley Automotive Group as follows:

Two (2) Ford Police Utility AWF Vehicles	$27,252.00 each
One (1) Ford Police Interceptor AWD	$28,925.00
Total Cost	$83,429.00

The vehicles will be paid for out of 661.000.148.000 and the pricing includes the $15.00 title fee per vehicle.

(M-151-16) A motion to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Rider Plans regarding diabetic supplies.

BUSINESS

(M-152-16) PART 91 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91) was passed by the state legislature, this law and all rules promulgated under this law are incorporated by reference in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Part 91 requires that the County Board of Commissioners designate a county agency, or conservation district upon the concurrence of the conservation district as the county enforcing agency responsible for administering and enforcing Part 91 and the rules promulgated under Part 91.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon their request, the Cass County Conservation District is hereby designated the Cass County Enforcing Agency responsible for administering and enforcing Part 91 and the rules promulgated under Part 91 effective December 1, 2016.

(M-153-16) A motion to appoint Roseann Marchetti to the Economic Development Corporation Board for an unexpired term ending September 30, 2022. The appointment is at the recommendation of the EDC Board.

(M-154-16) A motion to reappoint Robert Wagel and Tara Smith to the SW MI Behavioral Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for three year terms ending October 31, 2019. The reappointments are at the recommendation of Kathy Emans, Woodlands Director.

Approval of the November 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners File, Dyes, Ziliak, Williamson, Marchetti, Cobb and Wagel.

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti, Ziliak and Cobb furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Folks offered the Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

M-146-16

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to appoint an individual to the Road Commission Board by roll call vote:

Commissioner Dyes – Sandra Seanor
Commissioner Ziliak - Byron Miller
Chair Williamson - Byron Miller
Commissioner Marchetti – Sandra Seanor
Commissioner Cobb – Sandra Seanor
Commissioner Wagel – Sandra Seanor
Commissioner File – Byron Miller

Sandra Seanor was appointed to the Board of Road Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Williamson offered a comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

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Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

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Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register