

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

December 20, 2018

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Ziliak.

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Angie Steinman and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the December 20, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Amended Agenda with the addition of the School of Choice Resolution under New Business. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

R-182-18

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

WHEREAS, Robert Ziliak was elected to the Cass County Board of Commissioners in January 2003 and has represented Cass County residents in District 5; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ziliak has served on the Board for the past fifteen years with integrity, professionalism, wisdom and dedication to the best interests of Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ziliak has demonstrated outstanding leadership and sensitivity to the needs of the constituents of District 5, doing so by his example of service on the numerous boards and commissions he served on including, but not limited to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Solid Waste Consortium, SMART Committee, Niles Transportation Authority, MAC Transportation Committee, Intergovernmental Forum, Kinexus Board, Plat Board, Land Bank Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, Transportation Authority, chaired the tire drop off and recycling events and served as Chair and Vice Chair.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners recognizes Commissioner Ziliak for his leadership, advocacy, professionalism, dedication and commitment to the best interests of this greater Cass County community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners expresses their gratitude for Commissioner Ziliak's outstanding public service to the Cass County community and extends their best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Abent (1): Commissioner Ziliak.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, 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-177-18) A motion to approve Claims dated November 16, 2018 and November 30, 2018.

(M-178-18) A motion to approve payment of invoice #1301 to HRM Innovations in the amount of \$10,000.00. That is the initial payment to begin the Class/Comp Project that

was approved at the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting (M-95-18) to be paid from line item 101-101-801.022.

(M-179-18) A motion to approve entering into a contract with vendor CivicPlus for the redesign and upgrade of the Cass County website and the development of the Sheriff's website department header for a total contract cost of \$34,450 with the subsequent annual total fee of \$4,350.00 for annual maintenance, support and hosting fees; \$32,900.00 and \$4,000.00 of the annual service fee to be paid out of line item 101-258-802.044 (County website design and maintenance) and \$1,550.00 and the \$350.00 annual service fee for the Sheriff's Website Department Header add-on to be paid out of 101-301-802.044.

(M-184-18) A motion to approve payment of invoice #2018-41495 payable to Election Source in the amount of \$7,500 to be paid from line item 101-191-801.000.

(M-185-18) A motion to revise the Survey & Remonumentation Grant pursuant to the grant award as follows:

Fund 101 General Fund

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Requested Budget</u>
101-000-575.018	Survey/Remon Grant(s) 18	30,000	62,615
<u>Expenses</u>			
101-245-729.006	Supplies & Materials	760	913
101-245-801.021	Contractual Adm. Serv.	4,938	10,515
101-245-801.202	Peer Group Services	1,200	1,987
101-245-801.812	Contractual Survey Serv.	24,000	49,200
		\$30,898	\$62,615

Approval of the November 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, the November 13, 2018 Work Study Minutes and the November 15, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

(M-174-18) A motion to reappoint Richard Sheffer to the Department of Human Services Board for a three year term ending October 31, 2021; reappoint Mark Navarre and Carl Higley to the Building Authority Board for three year terms ending December 31, 2021; and reappoint Gerald Melko, James Dodd and Joseph Silvia to the Board of Public Works for three year terms ending December 31, 2021. The reappointments are at the recommendation of each board.

(M-186-18) A motion to approve a letter of support for the SBEI for the Edwardsburg Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Edwardsburg and Ontwa Township.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Ziliak.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chair Ausra discussed the Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-183-18

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to appoint a Road Commission Board Member. Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll to allow each board member to vote for the candidate of their choice. Commissioner Cobb abstained from voting as his wife was a candidate for the nomination.

Commissioner Marchetti:	Les McClellan
Commissioner Dyes:	Les McClellan
Commissioner File:	Greg Grames
Commissioner Grice:	Les McClellan
Chair Ausra:	Greg Grames

Les McClellan was appointed to the Cass County Board of Road Commissioners.

R-187-18

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

CASS COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS all children in Cass County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Cass County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Cass County to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Cass County; and,

WHEREAS Cass County is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS Cass County has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Ausra do hereby recognize January 20-26, 2019 as Cass County School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Ziliak.

Resolution R-187-18 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Benjamin provided an update from County Commissioner District 5.

Steve Lucas provided additional information on the roundabout project by the Road Commission and Milton Township.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Marchetti provided a comment.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Terry Ausra, Chair

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register