

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 5, 2017**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2017 in the Commission Chambers. Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals:

Terry Ausra, District 1 County Commissioner  
Dixie Ann File, District 2 County Commissioner  
Dwight W. Dyes, District 3 County Commissioner  
Roseann Marchetti, District 4 County Commissioner  
Robert Ziliak, District 5 County Commissioner  
Michael Grice, District 6 County Commissioner  
E. Clark Cobb, District 7 County Commissioner

Commissioner File provided the Invocation. Commissioner Marchetti 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, Dwight Dyes, Roseann Marchetti, Robert Ziliak, Michael Grice and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

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

**ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

Clerk/Register Kennedy stated the first item of business was to elect the position of Chairperson of the Cass County Board of Commissioners for the 2017 calendar year. She then opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Marchetti nominated Commissioner Dyes.

Commissioner File nominated Commissioner Ziliak.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to close the nominations. Motion carried by voice vote.

Clerk/Register Kennedy gathered the secret ballots and read the following results:

Commissioner Ziliak received four votes.  
Commissioner Dyes received three votes.

Commissioner Ziliak was elected 2017 Chairperson of the Cass County Board of Commissioners for a one year term by majority vote.

Clerk/Register then turned the meeting over to Chair Ziliak who thanked everyone for their support.

Chair Ziliak opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Grice nominated Commissioner Dyes.  
Commissioner File nominated Commissioner Cobb.

There were no further nominations.

Chair Ziliak closed the floor to nominations.

Chair Ziliak instructed the Clerk to call roll for the vote:

Commissioner Ausra voted for Commissioner Dyes.  
Commissioner File voted for Commissioner Cobb.  
Commissioner Dyes voted for Commissioner Dyes.  
Chairperson Marchetti voted for Commissioner Dyes.  
Commissioner Ziliak voted for Commissioner Cobb.  
Commissioner Grice voted for Commissioner Dyes.  
Commissioner Cobb voted for Commissioner Cobb.

Commissioner Dyes received four votes while Commissioner Cobb received three votes.

Commissioner Dyes was elected the 2017 Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for a one year term.

### **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the January 5, 2017 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dyes 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-1-17**      A motion to approve the claims dated December 18, 2016 and December 23, 2016
- M-2-17**      A motion to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Village of Marcellus, the County of Cass and the Cass County Office of Sheriff
- M-3-17**      A motion to approve that the Undersheriff position remain at Grade 13 Step 9 with the 2017 annual salary of \$74,010.
- M-4-17**      A motion to establish a budget for the Community Policing Golf Scholarship Fund.
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| 282-301-699.999 | Fund Balance Allocation | \$2,500 |
| 282-301-944.010 | Scholarship             | \$2,500 |
- M-5-17**      A motion to accept the quote for the continued preventive maintenance of the UPS and stationary battery system located at the Cass County 911 Center and the Jail from EDI Power Services. The cost for the services will be \$5,400.00 for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and will be paid from line item 101-265-978.075.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7):      Commissioners Ausra, File, Dyes, Marchetti, Ziliak, Grice and Cobb.

No (0):      None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the December 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7):      Commissioners File, Dyes, Grice, Ziliak, Marchetti, Cobb and Ausra.

No (0):      None.

Motion to approve minutes carried by roll call vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Karen L. Folks provided the Administrator's Report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Angie Steinman, Finance Director, offered the Financial Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Ziliak appointed Commissioner Ausra to replace Commissioner Williamson on the Salary Committee.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judge Dobrich explained the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MDIC) bills recently signed by Governor Snyder.

Ontwa Township resident and Building Authority Member Carl Higley congratulated the 2017 County Commissioners. He reminded them that they represent their constituents and urged them to work together as a team. Mr. Higley went on to discuss the historic courthouse and asked Commissioners decide the fate of the building. He also requested the board utilize the Building Authority in the process. Administrator Folks informed Mr. Higley she planned to carry out the vision of the board. Public meetings regarding the historic courthouse would continue.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners File, Marchetti and Ziliak offered announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

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Robert Ziliak, Chairperson

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Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register