

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 1, 2019**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 1, 2019 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the August 1, 2019 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**RECOGNITIONS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Chair Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, 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-140-19)** A motion to approve Claims dated July 26, 2019

**(M-141-19)** A motion to approve the July 18, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

## **AD HOC ROAD COMMISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Chair Benjamin stated the Ad Hoc Road Commission Committee would meet August 16, 2019.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Jeff Carmen provided the Administrator's Report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **M-142-19**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve contract for provision of counsel at first arraignment during FY2020, in compliance with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) legislation. The contract is contingent on continuing to receive MIDC funding which covers 100% of the costs of the contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

**R-143-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Family Courtroom video equipment has been malfunctioning for some time and this video equipment is critical for court operations; and

**WHEREAS**, BIS Digital is our current vendor that provides the video recording system used in the other courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the replacement hardware and software would be purchased from the following line item:

292-662-850.100	\$46,395.80
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cass County Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of replacement equipment for the video recording system in the Family Courtroom.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-143-19 carried by roll call vote.

**R-144-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners adopted and revised the original DHS Child Care Fund 297 Budget. And, due to (1) original underfunding, (2) the current drug culture in our county, (3) temporary changes to licensing of facilities that we use throughout the State of Michigan Child Protective Services, at this time, it is necessary to adjust funding for county child care.

**WHEREAS**, the FY2019 Budget has already been set and an increased budget needs to be established for the following line items:

297-663-400.001	State Revenue	\$84,500
297-663-699.101	Transfer In General Fund	\$16,501
297-663-842.001	Parent Aide Expense	-\$4,999
297-663-842.002	Institutional Care Expense	\$70,000

297-663-842.003 Foster Care Expense \$36,000

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cass County Board of Commissioners approves the budget adjustments in the DHS Child Care Fund.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-144-19 carried by roll call vote.

**M-145-19**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the County Administrator to prepare and request proposals from interested parties to provide Civil Counsel services. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Behnke announced the 21st Annual Sheriff's Golf Outing was a success.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Cobb announced the Tire Collection to be held August 10, 2019. Commissioner Marchetti offered a comment on the Cass County Fair. Chair Benjamin announced the next BOC Workshop for September 27, 2019 at Southwestern Michigan College.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

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Robert Benjamin, Chair

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Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register