

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 19, 2016

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 2016 in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Cobb provided the Invocation. Commissioner Ziliak 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, Roseann Marchetti, Bernie Williamson, Robert Ziliak and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the May 19, 2016 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Amended Agenda with the addition of two motions: 1. A motion to approve the Contract for County Administrator as amended by Attorney Leigh Schultz and 2. A motion to hire Karen Folks as Cass County Administrator. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bianca May, a Penn Township resident, addressed the board regarding test scores of local public school students. She asked board members to act on the community-wide issue. She supplied a data sheet and contact information to Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy who will forward copies to all board members. Jerry Marchetti applauded Ms. May and thanked her for bringing attention to the issue.

Undersheriff Rick Behnke stated he served on the hiring committee. He reminded board members that the board set the salary range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. A candidate that was top of the line would garner a \$100,000 salary at the top of the range.

Korie Blyveis informed everyone of the Earth & Sky Celebration Saturday, May 21, 2016. It will take place at Dr. Lawless County Park from 3:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Scott Teter, candidate for 43rd Circuit Court Judge, addressed the board. He provided an informational booklet and asked everyone for their support.

Erez Brandvain introduced himself as the new Michigan Agriculture and Environmental Insurance Program Technician (MEAP) and explained his duties.

PRESENTATION

Friend of the Court Attorney Referee Melissa Sytsma introduced the Cass County Bar Association Essay Contest Winners. Attorney Sytsma introduced Annie Marks, who placed first, and Abigale Scott, who took second. She went on to state that Robert Clark placed third while honorable mention went to Kaitlyn Kanaby. They were not in attendance. The top three individuals won cash prizes as well as certificates. Commissioner Marchetti also presented each student with a Cass County Board of Commissioners pin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner File, 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:

(R-69-16) A motion to support Iron County's Transparency Resolution

(M-70-16) A motion to approve Claims dated 5/06/16

(M-71-16) A motion to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$5,400.00 for FY2017 to the Area Agency on Aging

(M-72-16) A motion to increase the part-time Deputy Clerk/Register position from 20 hours per week to 29 hours per work week and adjust line items as follows:

Increase Revenue:

263-219-479.000	CCW Permits	\$3,500.00
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Increase Expenses:

263-219-704.000	Part Time Wages	\$3,000.00
263-219-715.010	FICA	300.00
	STD	150.00
263-219-715.050	Work Comp	<u>50.00</u>
		\$3,500.00

Approval of the May 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of the May 12, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Wagel and Cobb furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Finance Director/Deputy Administrator Angie Steinman provided a written Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

R-65-16

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

RENEWAL - COUNCIL ON AGING MILLAGE

WHEREAS, Act 39, Public Acts of Michigan 1976 authorized the Board of Commissioners of any county to appropriate funds to public or private non-profit corporations or organizations for the purposes of planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons; and

WHEREAS, appropriation of funds for services to older persons shall be approved by the majority of the Board of Commissioners and the terms of the appropriation shall be a matter of public record and shall be entered into the journal of the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, notification of an appropriation to a private organization shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within 10 days following approval by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the appropriation shall specify:

- (a) Name, address and general purpose of the organization
- (b) A description of the functions and responsibilities to be performed by the recipient of the appropriation

- (c) The effective date and length of the grant
- (d) Program and financial reporting requirements as established by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cass County may submit a millage proposition to the electorate at a general election to levy up to 1 mill for services to older citizens; and

WHEREAS, the private non-profit corporation known as the Cass County Council on Aging, Inc. is such a corporation authorized to receive appropriated funds from the County of Cass for services rendered under the statute and said corporation has been active in promoting such services under this statute for and on behalf of the senior citizens of the County of Cass and has demonstrated a need for appropriated funds for such services; and

WHEREAS, the .9036 mill levy approved by the electors of Cass County in 2012 expires with the tax levies in the calendar year 2016 and the Board of Commissioners has been requested to submit a renewal of such millage to the electors of the County for a period of four years, 2017 to 2020 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that it is desirable to submit said millage proposition to the electorate to provide the continuation of funds for services to older citizens as currently provided by and through the Cass County Council on Aging, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The board hereby determines that the following proposition shall be submitted to the registered electors at the state primary election to be held in Cass County on Tuesday, August 2, 2016;

MILLAGE PROPOSITION FOR SERVICES TO OLDER CITIZENS

This proposal will renew the current millage for senior services of 0.9036 mills and allow an increase of 0.0964 mills, for a total of 1.0 mills.

Shall there be approved a renewal of a 0.9036 mill levy and an additional mill levy of 0.0964, for a total 1.0 mill levy, in taxable valuation in Cass County over and above the fifteen (15) mill constitutional limitation on real and tangible personal property, for a period of four (4) years, commencing December 1, 2017, to be used for services to older citizens directed toward the improvement of the social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational, or mobility status of older persons through the Cass County Council on Aging, Inc. as provided by Public Act 39 of 1976? It is anticipated that the revenue collected by the County as a result will be Two Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Nine-Hundred Forty-Nine (\$2,059,949) Dollars in the first calendar year of the levy.

Yes No

2. The proposition shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.
3. All public officials of the County of Cass, State of Michigan, and all municipal units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law are thereby directed to do and perform all things and acts which shall be necessary to be done or performed in order to submit the foregoing proposition to the electors of the County of Cass at the state primary elections to be held therein on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.
4. It is hereby ordered that the certified copy of this resolution together with the propositions recited herein, be filed with the County Clerk as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-65-16 carried by roll call vote.

M-73-16

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to hire Karen Folks as the Cass County Administrator. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagel requested a roll call vote.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners Dyes, Williamson, Ziliak, Cobb and File.

No (2): Commissioners Marchetti and Wagel.

Motion M-73-16 carried by roll call vote.

M-74-16

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to approve the following for the Cass County Administrator position: A salary of \$100,000 with the contract language remaining as recommended by Attorney Leigh Schultz, a car allowance of \$300 per month and cell phone reimbursement at \$50 per month. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagel requested a roll call vote.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

The Chair

Yes (5): Commissioners Dyes, Williamson, Ziliak, Cobb and File.

No (2): Commissioners Marchetti and Wagel.

Motion M-74-16 carried by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Ziliak and Williamson provided an announcement. Chair Williamson read a memo from Pete Fournier stating that he did not wish to be reappointed for another six year term to the Road Commission Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Fournier reminded all that Saturday was Armed Forces Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register