

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

July 19, 2018

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, July 19, 2018 in the Cass County Commission Chambers.

Chair Terry Ausra 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.

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Annie File, Dwight Dyes, Robert Ziliak, Michael Grice, Terry Ausra, Roseann Marchetti and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Karen Folks, Finance Director Angie Steinman and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the amended agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Cass County Board of Commissioners. Chair Ausra asked that a presentation from the Cass County Conservation District be added. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Erez Brandvain, MAEAP Technician for the Cass County Conservation District spoke briefly regarding the MAEAP program. Commissioners Ziliak and Marchetti asked questions. There was no discussion.

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-91-18

Motion to approve Claims dated July 13, 2018.

M-93-18

Motion to approve the payment of invoice M1514 to Michigan Association of Counties for dues from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Approval of the July 5, 2018 Regular meeting minutes.

M-96-18

Motion to approve the reappointment of David Kring to the Cass County Planning Commission for a three year term ending July 1, 2021, and to appoint Kathy Cobb to the Cass County Planning Commission for a three year term ending July 1, 2021.

M-97-18

A motion to approve a change of time of the August 16, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm to allow County Commissioners and County Elected Officials to attend the Cass County Republican Party Convention.

M-98-18

A motion to approve the cancellation of the COW/BOC meetings July 31, 2018 and August 2, 2018 to allow County Commissioners and employees to attend the Cass County Fair.

Commissioner Ziliak brought up concerns with regard to M-97-18. He was not able to attend the COW meeting held on Tuesday, July 17th and wanted to let the board know he did not agree with the change. He does not want to have this become a regular occurrence. Commissioner Marchetti brought up the fact that when she first became a commissioner there were “summer hours” for the BOC meetings. County Administrator Karen Folks did inform the board that there were some presentations that were on the August 16, 2018 BOC meeting that her office will be contacting to be sure they are aware of the time change. There was no further discussion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(0): Commissioners: None.

The consent agenda passed by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti, Cobb and Ausra offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Folks offered the administrator's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Angie Steinman offered the financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

R-94-18

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

1) Section 3 – "Hard Caps" Option – limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;

2) Section 4 – "80%/20%" Option – limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;

3) Section 8 – "Exemption" Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Cass County has decided to adopt the 80-20 option as its choice of compliance under the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cass County Board of Commissioners elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the 80-20 option for the medical benefit plan coverage year September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve resolution R-94-18. The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(2): Commissioners: Ausra and Ziliak.

Resolution R-94-18 passed by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judge Dobrich informed the board that Cass County was awarded a grant (MEDC sic) from the State that will assist with the court appointed attorney costs.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Cobb, Grice, File, Marchetti and Ausra made board member comments/announcements.

Commissioner Marchetti asked if Chair Ausra will be making the appointments to the SMART board. Chair Ausra appointed Commissioners Grice, Marchetti and Cobb to the SMART board.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Terry Ausra, Chair

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk