

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

October 20, 2016

The County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner File 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, Robert Ziliak, Bernie Williamson, Roseann Marchetti and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Karen L. Folks and Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the October 20, 2016 Cass County Board of Commissioners Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITION

Deputy Equalization Director Tami Stewart informed the board that she recently obtained her level three certification and thanked the board for their support.

PRESENTATION

Sheriff Underwood recognized the following volunteers from Forgotten Man Ministries:

Catherine Bland
Stanley Carey
Alice Conley
Leroy Conley
Pastor Martha Cooper

Chaplain Gary Gaskill
Lorna Hazard
Helene Hoover
Chaplain Gary Pendl
Chaplain Carl Ross
Chaplain Sara Ross
Joyce Slaubaugh
Pastor Steven Steele
Dave Warkentien
Pastor Herman Washington
Ola Washington

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:

FINANCIAL

(M-135-16) A motion to approve Claims dated September 23 and September 30, 2016

(R-136-16) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016 APPORTIONMENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO MICHIGAN COMPILED LAW 211.37

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.36 requires each Township Clerk to submit to the County Clerk on, or before, September 30 each year a statement which sets forth the amount of money to be raised in the Township by taxation; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.37 requires the County Board of Commissioners to hold an apportionment session and approve an Apportionment Report in October of each year; and

WHEREAS, at the annual apportionment session, the County Board of Commissioners must examine documents and records submitted to the Board that show the amount of money to be raised by ad valorem levies in each Township for school, highway, Township, and all other purposes as authorized by law and authorize and require the correction of any defects or omissions with regard to those levies; and

WHEREAS, the action of the County Board of Commissioners concerning the spread of these levies is final, except in situations where a change is made to the equalization of the County through an equalization appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and

WHEREAS, the Apportionment Report approved by the County Board of Commissioners for 2016 will be the official authorization for its 59 taxing authorities within the County to levy property taxes in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Equalization Department has prepared an Apportionment Report for consideration by the County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Apportionment Report, if approved, will provide final authorization for the levy of property taxes upon which taxing authorities depend to provide educational, health, economic development, public safety, and other services which are important to the well-being of the county's economy and Cass County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2016 Apportionment Report showing the millage levies apportioned to various taxing authorities in Cass County for the year 2016 is hereby approved in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 211.37; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners, under the authority of Michigan Compiled Law 211.37, directs that the millage rates specified in the attached 2016 Apportionment Report for Township, school, highway, and all other purposes as authorized by law shall be spread against the taxable value of properties on the proper assessment rolls of the Townships, Wards, and Cities in the County.

(M-137-16) A motion to approve the purchase of a new furnace for the rental house at Lawless Park. The purchase will be paid out of Capital Improvements in the amount of \$8,100.

(M-138-16) A motion to approve budget amendments to increase revenue and expenditure line items for Jail Phones and Commissary Sales as follows:

101.000.684.000 Reimbursement - Jail Phones increased to \$55,200.00
595.351.642.020 Commissary Sales - Phone in the amount of \$53,400.00
595.351.726.020 Commissary Sales - Phone in the amount of \$38,400.00

BUSINESS

Approval of the September 23, 2016 BOC Workshop Minutes and the October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners File, Marchetti, Cobb furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Folks offered the Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

(M-139-16) Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Wagel, to add \$25,000 of the local revenue sharing fund to offset the MERS unfunded liability.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Motion M-139-16 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Undersheriff Behnke announced that the 911 radio system went live that morning. The project was several years in the making and allowed Cass County to communicate via radio to neighboring counties.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Marchetti and Cobb provided announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register