

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 4, 2019**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 4, 2019, in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Ausra, Dixie Ann File, E. Clark Cobb, Dwight Dyes and Roseann Marchetti.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Benjamin and Mike Grice.

STAFF PRESENT: Interim 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 Ausra, to approve the April 4, 2019 Regular Board of Commissioners Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda carried by voice vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Executive Director John Egelhaaf provided the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission Annual Report.

Cass/Van Buren District Health Department Director Jeff Elliott offered their Annual Report.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### **R-65-19**

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

#### **NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 8-14**

**WHEREAS**, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has established an Animal Control Department that employs four full time and two part-time Animal Control Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers are responsible for enforcing State Laws and Cass County Ordinances related to animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers are professionals that provide the essential community functions of enforcing Animal Control laws and protecting the community from diseases such as rabies and ensuring the safety of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Control Officers devote huge amounts of time and resources while serving the public to protect the welfare of helpless animals and pets that are rescued from injury, disease, abuse and starvation; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Control Officers respond to numerous complaints and have contributed to the conviction of animal abusers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers show compassion, understanding and professionalism while performing their daily duties.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 8-12, 2019 to be National Animal Control Officer Appreciation week in Cass County in honor of the Cass County Animal Control Officers for their crucial role in the protection of the lives and safety of the animals and the citizens of Cass County.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners File, Cobb, Marchetti, Ausra and Dyes.

No (0): None.

Absent (2): Commissioners Benjamin and Grice.

Resolution R-65-19 carried by roll call vote.

**R-66-19**

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

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK APRIL 14-20, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has established a 911 Central Dispatch that employs nine full time and two part-time 911 dispatchers, one supervisor and one Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, the 911 Central Dispatch employees are responsible for receiving and dispatching emergency and non-emergency telephone and radio calls for service from the citizens and public safety personnel of Cass County ; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees of 911 Central Dispatch are professionals that provide an essential duty to the citizens and responders of Cass County; and

**WHEREAS**, 911 Central Dispatch employees devote huge amounts of time and resources while serving the public and public safety personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the 911 Central Dispatch employees show compassion, understanding and professionalism while performing their daily duties 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 14-20, 2019 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Cass County in honor of the Cass County 911 Telecommunicators for their crucial role in the protection of the lives and safety of the citizens and public safety responders of Cass County.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners Cobb, Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes and File.

No (0): None.

Absent (2): Commissioners Benjamin and Grice.

Resolution R-66-19 carried by roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Marchetti 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:

(M-67-19) A motion to approve Claims dated March 22, 2019.

**(M-68-19)** A motion to approve the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Program amended Permit Fee Schedule

**(M-69-19)** A motion to approve the March 21, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the March 21, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes, File and Cobb.

No (0): None.

Absent (2): Commissioners Benjamin and Grice.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners File, Dyes, Marchetti and Cobb furnished committee reports.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Interim County Administrator Jeff Carmen offered the Administrator's Report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **R-70-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, Funding is being sought to expand the Community Corrections position from part-time to full-time effective October 1, 2018, it has been agreed between Sheriff Behnke, Interim Administrator Carmen, Judge Dobrich and Prosecutor Fitz that the following budget adjustment be executed:

284-362-701.910	Corrections Administrator	\$19,430
284-362-701.911	Corrections Gatekeeper	\$ 9,570
101-172-703.014	Administrator Salary	(\$ 2,000)
101-229-703.010	Full Time Salary (Prosecutor)	(\$ 6,000)
271-301-703.016	Full Time Detective (CCDET)	(\$15,000)

292-662-703.010 Full Time Salary (Child Care) (\$ 6,000)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cass County Board of Commissioners approves the budget adjustment.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners Ausra, Dyes, File, Cobb and Marchetti.

No (0): None.

Absent (2): Commissioners Benjamin and Grice.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Korie Blyveis thanked commissioners for approving the new fee schedule. She also offered the following event information:

Saturday, April 6th - turn off the lights and turn up stars event at Lawless Park

April 8th - Tree Orders Due to the Conservation District

April 22nd - Earth Day

April 23rd - Soils Workshop at the Cass County Council on Aging at 1:00 p.m.

April 30th - Water Quality Task Force Meeting at the Health Department at 6:30 p.m.

Sheriff Behnke announced that April 27, 2019 was National Drug Take Back Day.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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

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Roseann Marchetti, Vice Chair

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Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register