

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 18, 2017

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Ziliak explained that the consent agenda was removed and each motion would appear for an individual vote. Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the May 18, 2017 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda with amendments. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

The Cassopolis Robotics Team, the RoboRangers, talked about their season that included a trip to the World Competition in St. Louis, Missouri. Commissioners then moved to the hallway to observe the robot in action.

Jeff Elliott, Director of the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department, presented the Annual Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

M-62-17

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Claims dated May 5, 2017. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-63-17

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the reappointment of the following certified surveyors as Peer Group Members for three year terms ending December 31, 2019 (by recommendation of the Drain Commissioner):

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| Chris Marbach | Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc. |
| Mikel Currier | Jones Petire Rafinski (JFR) |
| Dale Kesler | Kesler Land Surveying, LLC |
| Matthew Reinking | Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. |

Motion carried by voice vote.

M-64-17

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve a budget amendment for the Adult Drug Grant, as approved per the Grant.

| Description | General Ledger # | Current Budget | Proposed Budget | Change in Budget |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Revenue: | | | | |
| District Court Adult Drug Grant | 101-000-522.315 | \$99,612 | \$118,178 | \$18,566 |
| Expense: | | | | |
| Contractual Adult Drug Crt Grt | 101-136-801.315 | \$91,920 | \$107,149 | \$15,859 |
| Sanct/Incent Adult Drug Crt | 101-136-802.315 | \$372 | \$624 | \$252 |
| Travel Adult Drug Court Grt | 101-136-860.315 | <u>\$7,950</u> | <u>\$10,405</u> | <u>\$2,455</u> |
| | | \$99,612 | \$118,178 | \$18,566 |

Motion carried by voice vote.

M-65-17

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the Law Enforcement Contract between Marcellus Township, the County of Cass and the Office of the Sheriff, Cass County. The Agreement begins at the time of signature and extends through December 31, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-66-17

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Sedan Police Interceptor from C. Wimberley Auto Group at a cost of \$28,010.00, VIN # 1234567890123456. The vehicle will be paid out of the Motor Pool Fund, line item 661-000-148.000. The vehicle will be used for Marcellus Township (per the contract). Motion carried by voice vote.

M-67-17

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the transition of the County e-mail provider to Xmission, Inc. at a yearly cost of \$7,224.00 (three year contract) to be paid from line item 101-258-980.000 (FY 2017). Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-68-17

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the purchase of an EMC DataDomain storage device from CDW, Inc. for the cost of \$30,139 (5% contingency) paid from the 2017 Public Improvement Fund Budget, line item 245-244-975.089. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-69-17

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to reappoint Henry Valkema, Katie Harman and Roger Bowser to the Solid Waste Planning Committee for two year terms ending June 1, 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-71-17

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the May 2, 2017 BOC Workshop Minutes and the May 4, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti, Grice, Cobb and Ziliak furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Karen L. Folks provided a written Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Behnke reported that Animal Control had an extremely successful Empty the Shelter Day. Since the event, adoptions continued and there were no adoptable dogs in the shelter at that time. He went on to thank Commissioner Marchetti, Commissioner Grice and Clerk/Register Kennedy for attending the Fallen Officer Memorial Service.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ausra suggested future historic courthouse town hall meetings be held in the evening. Administrator Folks went on to discuss the future town halls meetings. She also suggested the commissioners mail postcards or set up a phone hotline asking residents for their thoughts on the historic courthouse. Discussion continued regarding past town hall meetings, architectural studies as well as holding an election requesting a millage to restore the building.

CLOSED SESSION

M-70-17

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to enter Closed Session in order to discuss strategy and negotiations related to Union CBA. In addition to the full board, Administrator Folks, Sheriff Richard J. Behnke, Undersheriff Clint Roach and Clerk/Register Kennedy would enter. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting moved to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:46 p.m.

M-72-17

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve and ratify the Contract Extension Agreement between Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, the Sheriff and the Cass County Board of Commissioners for Road Deputies, Dispatchers, Detectives and Inspectors. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Robert Ziliak, Chairperson

Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register