

## **CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Robert Wagel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Cureton gave the Invocation; Commissioner Higley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk/Register Wilson called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Goodman; Robert Wagel; Cathy Goodenough; Bill Steele; Gordon Bickel, Sr.; Charles Arnold; David Taylor; Carl Higley, Sr.; Ronald Francis; Dixie Ann File; John H. Cureton; Minnie Macon Warren; Johnie Rodebush

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Debbie Johnson and Robert Ziliak

STAFF PRESENT: Terry Proctor, County Administrator and Barbara Wilson, Clerk/Register.

### **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Warren moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the September 18, 2008 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda with the removal of M-125-08, M-127-08 and the closed session. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Treasurer Linda Irwin addressed the Board regarding any concerns they have with county investments due to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. She assured the Board that none of the county funds are invested in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and have not been for over a year.

Jerry Marchetti updated the Board on SCORE and announced a workshop they are hosting on Thursday, October 15, 2008 on Preparing Your Business Plan Workshop.

Kerry Collins, Director of Information Systems, introduced two new employees from his department, Property Tax Specialist Jodi Hunsberger and Address Technician Amy Williams.

## **PRESENTATION**

Cass District Library Director Jennifer Ray spoke on the Connecting to Collection Bookshelf grant the District Library recently received.

James Ward, CASA Program Director, talked about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program in Cass County.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Bickel gave committee reports.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Terry Proctor gave the administrator's report. He stated that Dick Berkley, Wendy Walker Dyes and Kay Steiding, candidates for Parks and Recreation Commission would not be available for interviews today and would be interviewed at the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Cass County Emergency Management Director updated the Board as to the flood conditions in Cass County and what his office has done to help in this emergency. Questions and discussion followed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Terry Proctor gave the financial report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

The candidates for the Cass County Parks and Recreation Commission were removed from the commissioner's chambers and their names were randomly drawn by Clerk/Register Wilson to be interviewed. Each candidate was given three minutes to address the Board and three minutes for questions. The following candidates were interviewed by the Board:

1. David Brauer
2. Roseann Marchetti
3. James Snow
4. Judy Olsen
5. Richard Norton
6. Alan Fricke

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**R-126-08**

Commissioner Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodenough, to adopt the following resolution:

**SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, Silver Creek Township has proposed purchasing 18 acres of land which would be used for a bike path, youth soccer and football field and a picnic shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will benefit not only the citizens of Silver Creek Township but also the greater Dowagiac area by providing a safe route for bicycles and other recreational and sports activities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cass, Michigan supports the request of Silver Creek Township for \$100,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for this project.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yeas (13): Commissioners Wagel, Goodenough, Steele, Bickel, Arnold, Taylor, Higley, Francis, File, Cureton, Warren, Rodebush and Goodman

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Commissioners Johnson and Ziliak

Resolution R-126-08 carried by roll call vote.

**R-128-08**

Commissioner Steele moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodebush, to adopt the Corey Lake Lake Level Resolution Pursuant to MCL 324.30701 *et seq.*

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yeas (13): Commissioners Goodenough, Steele, Bickel, Arnold, Taylor, Higley, Francis, File, Cureton, Warren, Rodebush, Goodman and Wagel

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Commissioners Johnson and Ziliak

Resolution R-128-08 carried by roll call vote.

**M-129-08**

Commissioner Bickel moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to amend the Interlocal Agreement for the Cass County Drug Enforcement Team. Motion carried by voice vote.

**R-130-08**

Commissioner Goodenough moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodman to approve the Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of Cass County Sewage Disposal System (Lakes Area Sewer Authority Section) Bond Contract and to Provide for Certain Other Matters Pertaining thereto. Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yeas (13): Commissioners Steele, Bickel, Arnold, Taylor, Higley, Francis, File, Cureton, Warren, Rodebush, Goodman, Wagel, Goodenough

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Commissioners Johnson and Ziliak

Resolution R-130-08 carried by roll call vote.

**M-131-08**

Commissioner Cureton moved, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to approve the FY 2009 Friend of the Court Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M 132-08**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to approve the FY 2009 Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-133-08**

Commissioner Warren moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodebush, to authorize the County Administrator/Controller to make end-of-the-fiscal year budgetary transfers and amendments provided that a written report of such changes is given to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-134-08**

Commissioner Rodebush moved, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to approve the 2008-2009 County Child Care Budget Summary. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-135-08**

Commissioner Francis moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodenough, to make appointments as follows: Appoint John Fannin to the Economic Development Corporation for a term ending September 30, 2013 and reappoint Dan Wyant to the Economic Development Corporation for a term ending September 14, 2014. Reappoint Tom Koenig, Tom Atkinson, Stephen Lehman and Bill Steele to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for terms ending September 30, 2012. Motion carried by voice vote.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners File, Higley, Rodebush, Taylor and Wagel made comments or announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rodebush moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wilson  
Clerk/Register