

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

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 2, 2008 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Wilson called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Goodman; Robert Wagel; Cathy Goodenough; Gordon Bickel, Sr.; Charles Arnold; David Taylor; Carl Higley, Sr.; Ronald Francis; Dixie Ann File; Minnie Macon Warren; Johnie Rodebush; Debbie Johnson and Robert Ziliak.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioners Steele and Cureton

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Goodenough moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodman, to approve the October 2, 2008 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda with the removal of M-141-08. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **WATER RESOURCE ANNUAL REPORT**

Water Resources Commissioner Bruce Campbell presented the Annual Report. Commissioner Rodebush moved, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to accept the Water Resource Annual Report. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

County Extension Director Dan Rajzer handed out the Michigan State University Extension's bulletin on the 2008 Statewide Ballot Proposals. The bulletin is available at [www.msue.mus.edu](http://www.msue.mus.edu) or at any county Extension Office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners Bickel, Goodman, Johnson, Higley, Rodebush, Taylor, File and Bickel gave committee reports.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Terry Proctor gave the administrator's report. Sandy Gower, Grants and Project Manager, advised the Board of an EPA Grant she has been reviewing for Cass County. Cass County would be joining six other counties through the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority for the million dollar grant. Cass County would receive \$100,000 toward assessments on polluted land sites in Cass County. Cass County must have a Land Bank in place to be part of this coalition. Questions followed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

Three additional candidates for the Cass County Parks and Recreation Commission were interviewed by the Board. The candidates were randomly drawn by Clerk/Register Wilson and interviewed as follows:

1. Kaye Steiding
2. Wendy Walker-Dyes
3. Richard Buerkle

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodenough, to approve the September 4, 2008 and September 18, 2008 Board of Commissioner Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-136-08A and M-136-08B**

Commissioner Higley moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the claims dated September 5, 2008 and September 19, 2008 as submitted by the Claims Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-137-08**

Commissioner Bickel moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to release 1<sup>st</sup> quarter appropriations as follows:

Mental Health Authority	\$48,750
DHS Child Care Fund	\$40,000
Family Court Child Care Fund	\$62,500

Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-138-08**

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodenough, to approve the Special Assessment Rolls as proposed by Water Resources Commissioner Bruce Campbell. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-139-08**

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to appoint Commissioners Dixie Ann File and Johnie Rodebush to the Parks and Recreation Commission as follows:

Dixie Ann File for a term expiring January 1, 2010  
Johnie Rodebush for a term expiring January 1, 2010

Motion carried by voice vote.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION VOTE**

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take a roll call vote to select five members to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Goodman: David Brauer, Richard Norton, Alan Fricke, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Chairman Wagel: Roseann Marchetti, James Snow, Judy Olson, Alan Fricke, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Goodenough: David Brauer, James Snow, Judy Olson, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Bickel: David Brauer, Roseann Marchetti, Richard Norton, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Arnold: Roseann Marchetti, James Snow, Judy Olson, Richard Norton, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Taylor: Roseann Marchetti, Judy Olson, Alan Fricke, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Higley: David Brauer, James Snow, Judy Olson, Richard Norton, Richard Buerkle

Commissioner Francis: James Snow, Judy Olson, Alan Fricke, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner File: Roseann Marchetti, James Snow, Judy Olson, Richard Buerkle, Kay Steiding

Commissioner Warren: Roseann Marchetti, Judy Olson, Richard Norton, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Rodebush: David Brauer, Roseann Marchetti, Judy Olson, Wendy Walker-Dyes, Kay Steiding

Commissioner Johnson: David Brauer, Roseann Marchetti, Richard Buerkle, Richard Norton, Wendy Walker-Dyes

Commissioner Ziliak: Roseann Marchetti, James Snow, Richard Buerkle, Wendy Walker-Dyes, Kay Steiding

Total votes received for each candidate:

David Brauer – 6  
Roseann Marchetti – 9  
James Snow – 7  
Judy Olson – 9  
Richard Norton – 6  
Alan Fricke – 4  
Richard Buerkle – 10  
Wendy Walker-Dyes – 11  
Kay Steiding – 3

The roll call vote indicated the four candidates receiving over eight votes as: Wendy Walker-Dyes, Richard Buerkle, Roseann Marchetti and Judy Olson.

The Chair indicated eight votes must be received by a candidate to win, but pointed out that two commissioners were absent.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, that candidate James Snow, receiving seven votes, be appointed as the fifth board member. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Chair indicated that the three members receiving the highest number of votes would be appointed to terms ending January 1, 2012 and two remaining members to a term expiring January 1, 2011. Roseann Marchetti and Judy Olson both received nine votes. The Chair made a decided that since Roseann Marchetti was in attendance at this meeting, she would be appointed to the term expiring January 1, 2012.

The Chair announced Wendy Walker-Dyes, Richard Buerkle and Roseann Marchetti be appointed to a term ending January 1, 2012; and Judy Olson and James Snow to a term expiring January 1, 2011.

**M-140-08**

The approved 2009 Cass County Drug Enforcement Team budget includes the addition of a uniformed officer and the purchase of a police vehicle.

Commissioner Rodebush moved, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to approve the purchase of a police vehicle under the State bid from Shaheen Chevrolet for \$18,388 from the Cass County Drug Enforcement Team Fund 271. Motion carried by voice vote.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners Francis, Taylor, Rodebush, Bickel and Warren made comments or announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wilson  
Clerk/Register