

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

January 7, 2021

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 via Zoom.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner File provided the Invocation.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ryan Laylin, Annie File, Skip Dyes, Mike Grice, Roseann Marchetti, Robert Benjamin and Jeremiah Jones.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen, Finance Director Becky Moore and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Clerk/Register McMichael opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Benjamin nominated Commissioner Dyes and requested it be cast as a unanimous motion. No commissioner objected to the unanimous motion. Commissioner Dyes was elected to a one-year term as Chair by voice vote.

Chair Dyes opened the floor for the nomination of Vice Chair.

Commissioner File nominated Commissioner Grice.

There were no additional nominations. Chair Dyes called for a voice vote. Commissioner Grice was elected to a one-year term as Vice Chair by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the January 7, 2021 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Michigan State University Extension District 13 Director Julie Pioch offered the 2020 Annual Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, 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-1-21) A motion to approve Claims dated December 23, 2020.

(M-2-21) A motion to approve the December 11, 2020 Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes and the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners File, Dyes, Marchetti, Benjamin, Grice, Jones and Laylin.

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti and Benjamin shared committee reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Marchetti asked commissioners to contact her with their interest in committee assignments. She also informed the board that the Appointments Committee would meet soon as there were several committee openings. Discussion followed regarding adding the motions for board and committee appointments to the consent agenda. Chair Dyes stated they would consider it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Carmen presented the Administrator's Report.

SHERIFF BEHNKE'S PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke provided a Public Safety Update.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

Prosecutor Fitz provided an update from the Prosecutor's Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-3-21

Chair Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to reappoint Bill Saunders to the Building Authority for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-4-21

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to reappoint Nancy Stoner to the Cass District Library Board for a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-5-21

Commissioner Jones stated that Motion M-5-21 was withdrawn.

M-6-21

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Vice Chair Grice, to reappoint Marty Kleva to the Cass County Road Commission for a six-year term ending December 31, 2026. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-7-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to reappoint Lance Lyons to the Kinexus Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-8-21

Vice Chair Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to reappoint Dan Wyant to the Kinexus Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-9-21

Chair Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve FY2020 budget adjustments. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion – Additional Committees: Commissioner Marchetti discussed the committees suggested in the FY 2021 budget narrative from Administration. She asked commissioners to look over the list and notify Chair Dyes of their interest. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Grice, Dyes and File offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Benjamin moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chairperson

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register