

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 18, 2021

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 via Zoom.

Chair Dyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Benjamin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the February 18, 2021 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Emergency Operations Director David Smith and Dr. Wile of the Van Buren/Cass Health Department provided updates on the COVID numbers and vaccinations in Cass County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Grice 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-22-21) A motion to approve Claims dated February 5, 2021.

(M-23-21) A motion to approve the February 3, 2021 Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes and the February 4, 2021 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners File, Dyes, Marchetti, Grice, Jones and Laylin.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Benjamin.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Grice, Jones and Dyes offered Committee Reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Marchetti stated that the committee would meet the first Tuesday and the third Wednesday of each month.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Carmen presented the Administrator's Report.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report was included in the board packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke provided a Public Safety Update.

COUNTY PARTNERS

Road Commission Manager Bob Thompson shared an update on Road Commission operations.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-24-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to appoint Amy East to the Historical Commission for an unexpired term ending July 1, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-25-21

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Roseann Marchetti to the Board of Public Works for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-26-21

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to appoint Jeremiah Jones to the Economic Development Corporation Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-27-21

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Jeremiah Jones to the Local Development Finance Authority for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-28-21

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to appoint Ryan Laylin to the Cass County Planning Commission to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-29-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to appoint Robert Benjamin to the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency to a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-30-21

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Skip Dyes to the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency as an alternate for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-31-21

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to appoint Skip Dyes to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium to a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-32-21

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to appoint Ryan Laylin to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium to a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-33-21

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to appoint Skip Dyes to the Van Buren-Cass District Board of Health to a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-34-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Roseann Marchetti to the Van Buren-Cass District Board of Health for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-35-21

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the purchase of three 2021 Ford Utility AWD vehicles from C. Wimberley, which will include updated and installed equipment through Tele-Rad, for a total cost of \$128,034.99 to be paid out of the Motor Pool Fund with a four-year payback to the County. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dyes and Commissioner Marchetti offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Dwight Dyes, Chair

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register