

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

April 1st, 2021

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, April 1st, 2021 in the Board of Commissioners chambers.

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

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

Commissioners Present (6): Ryan Laylin, Annie File, Mike Grice, Dwight Dyes, Roseann Marchetti and Jeremiah Jones.

Commissioners Absent (1): Robert Benjamin.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen, Finance Director Becky Moore and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda for April 1st, 2021. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Laylin introduced Intersect Studio. Intersect Studio is the firm the Historic Courthouse Planning and Programming Committee is recommending to provide design services for a move of County Building offices to the Historic Courthouse. Bill and Marissa LaDitka of Intersect then started with a brief history of the steps that have been taken thus far with regard to the Historic Courthouse and a summary of how they view the services they would provide. The committee sent requests for proposal to five firms, and interviewed three. Intersect Studio plans to work with NuWay Construction, the firm that previously had provided some preliminary construction research and estimates

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, 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-55-21

Motion to approve Claims dated March 19, 2021.

M-56-21

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting minutes.

There was no discussion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(0): Commissioners: None.

Absent(1): Commissioners: Robert Benjamin.

The Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Laylin, Marchetti and Jones offered committee reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen offered the Administrator's Report.

SHERIFF BEHNKE'S PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke offered his public safety report. He informed the board that suicide and mental health calls are up. The jail currently has 55 inmates. Emergency Director David Smith is retiring in September, and they are looking to hire a replacement before he leaves.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

M-57-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the amended Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Policy. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-58-21

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the amended Jail Commissary Retained Earnings Balance Policy. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-59-21

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the amended Petty Cash Policy. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-60-21

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the amended Cash Option Plan Policy. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-61-21

Vice Chair Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the amended Meal Reimbursement Policy. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-62-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to set a fee of \$36.75 for all non-criminal fingerprints. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

ORV

Commissioner Laylin started a discussion regarding ORV use on Cass County roadways. He had been in contact with all commissioners privately to discuss this topic. He had also spoken with Bob Thompson of the Cass County Road Commission. Mr. Thompson had provided him with a list of the primary roads in Cass County. Commissioner Laylin had also been in contact with Sheriff Behnke as well regarding ORV use. He had also been in contact with several counties such as: Lake, Kankaska and St. Joe. St Joe County was the only county that had responded and they are happy with the decision they made to allow ORV use on roadways.

Commissioner File informed the board that some townships have an ordinance in place to allow ORV use. Vice Chair Grice spoke of issues that come with allowing ORV's on the roadways. Commissioner Laylin went on to say that they would not be allowed on primary roads and that minors would not be allowed to drive them on the roadways. Commissioner Marchetti gave Commissioner Laylin her list of concerns along with meeting notes that she took a year ago with regard to the issue. Commissioner Laylin informed the board he will be meeting with township officials in the coming weeks and there will be more info to come.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Chair Dyes is setting up an ad-hoc committee with himself, Commissioners Jones and Marchetti to discuss the American Recovery Funding Options. He hopes to have a report at the board workshop on April 30th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Jones informed the board that he will be submitting the resolution to make Cass County a sanctuary county.

Sherry Fike asked the commissioners to pushback and protect their citizens against the overreach of the Governor.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners File, Marchetti and Laylin made board member comments/announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Dwight Dyes, Chair

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk