

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

April 7, 2022

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022, in Commissioner Chambers. Due to COVID-19 concerns, public participation was offered via Zoom.

Chair Dyes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner File provided the Invocation. Commissioner Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ryan Laylin, Annie File, Skip Dyes, Roseann Marchetti, Mike Grice (attended remotely via telephone) and Jeremiah Jones.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Benjamin.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy County Administrator Matthew Newton, Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow, Deputy Finance Director Becky Moore and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mason Township resident Charlie Arnold thanked the board for all that they do. He noted that Chair Dyes and Commissioner Marchetti represent Mason Township and thanked them for regularly assisting the residents.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File to approve the April 7, 2022, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to add R-76-22, R-77-22 and M-78-22 to New Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

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-72-22) A motion to approve Claims dated March 25, 2022.

(M-73-22) A motion to approve the March 17, 2022 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 and Jones offered Committee Reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deputy Administrator Matthew Newton stated that the report was in the board packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke shared the Public Safety Report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-74-22

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the following agreements to implement the 2022 Survey Remonumentation Grant:

Tom Stephenson, Grant Representative Surveyor	\$ 1,763.50
Abonmarche Consultants, Inc.	\$ 9,840.00
Kesler Land Surveying	\$ 9,840.00
Jones, Petrie, Rafinski	\$ 9,840.00
Stephenson Land Surveying	<u>\$11,070.00</u>
	\$42,353.50

The costs will be reimbursed from the Michigan State Survey and Remonumentation Act Grant for 2022.

Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Chair Dyes informed commissioners Michigan State University Extension would hold Good Governance Training Seminars. Commissioners should notify the Administrator's Office before the next board meeting if they wished to attend the seminars.

M-75-22

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the following dates for Cass County Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance:

- a. April 21 - Public Hearing on Proposed ORV Ordinance
- b. April 21 – First Reading of Proposed ORV Ordinance
- c. May 5 – Second Reading and Vote on Passage of ORV Ordinance

Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

R-76-22

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF MICHIGAN 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS

WHEREAS, the week of April 10-16, 2022, has been designated NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK.

WHEREAS, the number 911 is universally recognized as being dedicated to report emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicator response to calls for help gives the citizens of Michigan a quick response to emergency calls for police, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the safety of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the actions of the telecommunicator, and the quality of the accuracy of the information obtained from citizens who contact 911; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicator serves as the first, first responder and the voice of help, providing direction and comfort for those in crisis to rely on when they call 911; and

WHEREAS, 2021 was another extraordinary challenging year for which 911 telecommunicators played a critical role with their public safety partners, above and beyond the normal call of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners salutes all Michigan 911 telecommunicators, especially our exemplary staff here in Cass County, for their exceptional dedication and professionalism put forth in contributing to making Michigan a safer place to live, work, and visit.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Benjamin.

Resolution R-76-22 carried by roll call vote.

R-77-22

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, the National Animal Care and Control Association designated the second full week of April as NATIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK.

WHEREAS, various federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all Animal Control Officers and Animal Services Staff for the dedicated service they provide to the citizens, public safety, and domestic animals and livestock across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every day, Animal Control Officers and Animal Control Technicians put themselves in potentially dangerous situations to protect the health and welfare of all kinds of animals and the public; and

WHEREAS, Cass County recognizes and commends the Animal Control personnel who answer calls for assistance, capture roaming, and potentially dangerous animals, rescue animals, investigate reports of animal abuse, educate pet owners about responsible care, and mediate disputes between neighbors regarding pets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims:

The Week of April 10-16, 2022, as:

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Benjamin.

Resolution R-77-22 carried by roll call vote.

M-78-22

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve the Tentative Agreement between Police Officers Labor Council, Sergeants, Sheriff, and the Cass County Board of Commissioners and authorize the Chair to sign the final Collective Bargaining Agreement. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Marchetti informed board members of a fish fry to be held Friday, April 8, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake. She also shared that GIS Director Erika Espeland met with Ontwa Township officials earlier that day.

Commissioner Jones asked anyone with questions or concerns regarding the Veterans Office to contact him.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Skip Dyes

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register