

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 16, 2022

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 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, Robert Benjamin, Mike Grice and Jeremiah Jones.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy County Administrator Matthew Newton and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cass District Library Director Barbara Gordon shared information regarding the August 2, 2022, ballot proposal requesting a Headlee Override to the library millage. She offered details on repairs and improvements to be made if residents approve the requests.

Amy East, Chair of the Historical Commission, relayed concerns over the lack of budget and the resistance of the board to fund the Newton House.

Fern Smith, CCIEA Union President, submitted her resignation from Cass County due to unethical characteristics and the lack of morale.

Penn Township resident Zane Lankford, a volunteer with the Historical Commission, offered details on items and labor donated to the Newton House from the local community. She asked the Board of Commissioners to support the historical aspects of Cass County.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the June 16, 2022, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion to approve the 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-124-22) A motion to approve Claims dated June 10, 2022.

(M-125-22) A motion to approve the June 2, 2022 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Marchetti announced a new opening on the Woodlands Board. She informed commissioners to expect several new appointments on the agenda for the first board meeting in July.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deputy Administrator Matthew Newton offered the Administrator's Report.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report was included in the board packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Undersheriff Roach shared the public safety update.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael discussed the increase in jury trials. She thanked Chief Deputy Heather Harding for working to ease the burden on County residents by decreasing the term of service from four weeks to two. McMichael went on to share she conducted six trainings for election inspectors over the past two weeks. She will hold additional trainings in the month of July. Anyone interested in working in the precinct on Election Day contact her for more information.

Judge Bealor stated the courts were making progress on the backlog of jury trials. She also informed commissioners that she was appointed to the state and federal tribal forum. Judge Bealor shared that she had already learned a lot from the Native American partners. Anyone can find common ground if they look hard enough. She added that great things happen in Cass County each and every day. We must continue to focus on the positive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-126-22

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to appoint Dr. Ed Donoghue as Deputy Medical Examiner. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-127-22

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Vice Chair Grice, to appoint Dr. Anna Tart as Deputy Medical Examiner. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-128-22

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin to approve budget amendments as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-129-22

Commissioner Benjamin moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to receive and consider Administration, Elected Department Leaders, and Chief Judge's recommendation for Non-Union MERS plan. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Benjamin voiced his support for Cass District Library.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Skip Dyes

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register