

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

July 1st, 2021

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, July 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. Commissioner Laylin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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 Jennifer Rentfrow, Deputy Finance Director Becky Moore and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda for July 1st, 2021. Commissioner Marchetti asked that the agenda be amended to include motion M-117-21. A motion to appoint Robert Benjamin to the Woodlands Board for a three-year term ending 3/31/2024. Commissioner Jones withdrew his original motion.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda for July 1st, 2021, with the addition of M-117-21. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks Director Scott Wyman presented the Cass County Parks Annual Report. Robert Parrish spoke about upcoming events with the International Dark Sky at T.K. Lawless Park.

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-112-21

Motion to approve Claims dated June 25, 2021.

M-113-21

Motion to approve the June 17, 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, Benjamin, Laylin and Marchetti.

No (0): Commissioners: None.

Absent (1): Commissioners: Benjamin.

The consent agenda passed by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Laylin and Marchetti offered committee reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Marchetti reported there were several openings that needed to be filled. The next meeting would be held on July 6, 2021.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Laylin informed the board that the committee was working with Sister Lakes Cable and Midwest Energy to identify the gaps in coverage in the county. Once those have been identified, they will create a plan to fill the gaps.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen offered the Administrator's Report.

SHERIFF BEHNKE'S PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke gave a brief update with handouts regarding the Microbursts/Wind Damage from the previous weekend in Silver Creek Township. He went on to remind everyone to be safe over the upcoming 4th of July holiday weekend.

COUNTY PARTNERS

Christian Lutes introduced the new Transportation Authority Coordinator Robert Durham. Mr. Durham then spoke briefly about his goals.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M-107-21

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to postpone M-107-21 indefinitely. Commissioner File asked for clarification on the postponement. Commissioner Grice explained that the board would be seeking more information, and Commissioner Marchetti went on further to explain that action had to be taken on the motion. It allowed for commissioners to vote on the motion at a later date. There was no further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

M-114-21

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Anna Murphy to the Kinexus board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-115-21

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Arlandar Washington to the Kinexus board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

R-116-21

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve resolution R-116-21:

HYPERCONVERGED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Cass County's computing infrastructure is made up of highly intricate components and after an analysis of our current system it was found to be running at maximum capacity with no room for the projected growth and needs of our organization; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department determined our needs moving forward, the Request for Proposal process was followed and two of our current vendors for computing systems and services replied with virtual meetings held with each of them; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department reviewed each proposal thoroughly to determine which of the vendors would be the best option for the county in meeting our future needs and determined that Avalon Technologies would be the most desirable and cost efficient vendor for our future growth and flexibility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners approves Avalon Technologies as the vendor for the Hyperconverged Infrastructure Project to be paid out of the Public Improvement Fund at a cost of \$235,844.22 and the process approved by the County Administrator and Funding approved by the Finance Director.

Commissioner Marchetti asked IT Director Jodi Nestich what the timeframe for installation would be. IT Director Nestich indicated six to eight weeks. Commissioner Grice asked about using other sources for funding. County Administrator Carmen indicated that possibly, but the funds have been approved by the Finance Director from the Public Improvement Fund. There was no further discussion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Benjamin.

M-117-21

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Robert Benjamin to the Woodlands Board for a term ending 3/31/2024. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Parks Director Scott Wyman showed off the “Dark Sky Swag” and indicated to see him if interested in purchasing.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Dwight Dyes, Chair

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk