

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS
September 2, 2021**

Chair Dyes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner File offered the Invocation. Commissioner Marchetti led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ryan Laylin, Annie File, Dwight Dyes, Roseann Marchetti and Mike Grice. Commissioner Robert Benjamin and Commissioner Jeremiah Jones were absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Jeff Carmen, Deputy County Administrator Matthew Newton, Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow, Deputy Finance Director Becky Moore, Treasurer Hope Anderson, Judge Susan Dobrich, Court Administrator Carol Bealor, Prosecutor Victor Fitz, Clerk/Register Monica McMichael, Sheriff Richard Behnke.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the September 2, 2021, Board of Commissioners Workshop Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Administrator Carmen opened discussion on the proposed FY2022 Budget. Commissioner Benjamin was absent; however, stated he had no issues with the budget as presented. He wanted to verify that the budget reflected the goals of the commissioners.

Finance Director Rentfrow informed commissioners that she expected annual revenue from recreational marijuana facilities could amount to approximately \$125,000. She also stated that local revenue sharing monies received from the casino were significantly reduced due to the COVID shutdown.

Administrator Carmen noted the growing tax base in the county. He was also hopeful the addition of Market VanBuren would continue to add businesses and grow the community. Administrator Carmen added that Deputy County Administrator Matthew Newton should be helpful with his expertise in economic development and grant funding.

Administrator Carmen shared that the County Conservation District requested extra funding to begin a recycling program in the county. The additional funding was not included in the proposed budget as it would be discussed in the future.

The November 5, 2021, Board Workshop would include discussion on the American Rescue Act Funds. Meanwhile, Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow would serve as the contact for all

questions. A committee consisting of three county commissioners was also formed to assist with the funds. Finance Director Rentfrow informed the board that rules for funding use should be finalized in November 2021.

All thanked Finance Director Rentfrow for her work on the budget.

A public budget hearing as well as a resolution to approve The General Appropriations Act will appear on the September 16, 2021, Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date

Dwight Dyes, Chair

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register