

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

October 20, 2022

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 20, 2022, in Commission Chambers.

Vice Chair Grice called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner File provided the Invocation. Commissioner Laylin 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, Roseann Marchetti, Robert Benjamin, Mike Grice and Jeremiah Jones.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Skip Dyes.

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

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commission Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the October 20, 2022, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Equalization Director Tami Stewart presented the 2022 Apportionment Report.

Drain Commissioner Jeff VanBelle requested that the board accept the Annual Drain Report. It was noted that future needs for the Drain Office included a part time deputy as well as a maintenance fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Laylin 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-199-22) A motion to approve Claims dated October 14, 2022.

(M-200-22) Motion to approve the October 6, 2022 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Dyes.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Laylin, Marchetti, Grice, Jones and Benjamin shared Committee Reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Newton shared the Administrator's Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was in the packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

No report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

Judge Bealor shared that on World Youth Day several employees at the Law and Courts Building posted pictures of when they were young in the break room. Fellow employees guessed who each employee was. The winners had yet to be announced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-201-22

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to adopt the 2022 Apportionment Report.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Dyes.

Resolution R-201-22 carried by roll call vote.

M-202-22

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to approve the 2022 Special Assessment Rolls. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-203-22

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Bernie Williamson to the Cass County Historical Commission to an unexpired term ending July 1, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-204-22

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to approve Budgets for the Raise the Age Grant and the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-205-22

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Problem-Solving Court Budgets for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-206-22

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as revised. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

M-207-22

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to enter a Closed Session to review Attorney-Client Privileged Communications pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and to include Clerk/Register Monica McMichael, Administrator Matthew Newton, Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow, HR Director Beth Daly, and any other party as may be designated by the Board Chair.

The Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Chair Dyes.

The meeting moved to Closed Session at 5:46 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:43 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Skip Dyes

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register