

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 17, 2025

Chair Jones called the special meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in Commission Chambers.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Langley, James Lawrence, Al Northrop, Jeremiah Jones, Michael Grice, Samuel Barrera, Roseann Marchetti and R.J. Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti added motion M-58-25 to New Business: approve the County Administrator Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for 1st interviews of three applicants that were unanimously agreed upon by the Committee at the recommendation of the Michigan Leadership Institute Consultant as well as approval of the Board of Commissioner's special meeting dates/times for 1st and 2nd interviews.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Northrop, to approve the April 17, 2025, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Special Meeting Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

R-7-2025

Equalization Director Tami Stewart shared details and highlights from the 2025 Cass County Equalization Report.

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 CASS COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has examined the assessment rolls of the 15 Townships and 2 Cities within Cass County to determine whether the real and personal property in the respective Townships and Cities has been equally and uniformly assessed; and

WHEREAS, based on this examination and studies it conducted, the Equalization Department has prepared and presented to the County Board of Commissioners the attached 2025 Equalization Report; and

WHEREAS, said Equalization Report presents recommended County equalized valuation for each of the 15 Townships and 2 Cities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the recommended County equalized valuations were determined by adding to, or deducting from, the assessed valuations of taxable property in the 15 Townships and 2 Cities within the County, the amount necessary to arrive at the appropriate proportion of true cash value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners Accepts and adopts the recommended County equalized valuations presented in the 2025 Equalization Report prepared by the Cass County Equalization Department for a total 2025 Equalized valuation of real and personal property of \$5,140,596,055 with the breakdown of equalization valuation by property classification as follows:

Agricultural Real Property	\$ 720,994,000
Commercial Real Property	\$ 144,105,600
Industrial Real Property	\$ 69,221,100
Residential Real Property	\$ 3,888,541,847
Developmental Real Property	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Real Property	\$ 4,822,862,547
Total Personal Property	<u>\$ 317,733,508</u>
Total Real and Personal Property	\$ 5,140,596,055

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board Chairperson and the County Clerk of the Board of Commissioners are authorized to sign the report; further, that the County Administrator and the Equalization Director are authorized to represent Cass County at both Preliminary and Final State Equalization sessions, if deemed

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (8): Commissioners Langley, Lawrence, Northrop, Jones, Grice, Barrera, Marchetti and Lee.

No (0): None.

Resolution R-7-2025 carried by roll call vote.

R-8-2025

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF CASS COUNTY 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS

WHEREAS, the week of April 13-19, 2025, has been designated NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK by the State of Michigan.

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

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

WHEREAS, the safety of police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the actions of the telecommunicator, and the quality and 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, 911 telecommunicators play a critical role with their public safety partners, above and beyond the normal call of duty; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS salutes all Cass County 911 telecommunicators for the exceptional dedication and professionalism put forth in contributing to making Cass County a safer place to live, work and visit.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (8): Commissioner Lawrence, Northrop, Jones, Grice, Barrera, Marchetti, Lee and Langley.

No (0): None.

Resolution R-8-2025 carried by roll call vote.

M-57-2025

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to renew the Medical Examiner Services Agreement for 02/01/2025 through 01/31/2029. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-58-2025

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the County Administrator Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for 1st interviews of three applicants that were unanimously agreed upon by the Committee at the recommendation of the Michigan Leadership Institute Consultant as well as approval of the Board of Commissioner's special meeting dates/times for 1st and 2nd interviews.

NOTE: For information only:

Application materials for the candidates being interviewed will be provided to the Commissioners at least seven days prior to the interviews (along with interview questions from the Committee/Consultant). Application materials will be made public as an attachment to the posted Agenda for the special meetings for the interviews.

1st Interviews

Thursday, May 1, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. interview

11:00 a.m. interview

Break

1:00 p.m. interview

2nd Interviews (to be utilized if BOC determines there are candidates to move forward)

Thursday May 15, 2025

Noon – 1 p.m.: Meet and greet with 1st finalist (open to public)

1:00 p.m.: Interview of 1st finalist

2:30 0 3:30 p.m.: Meet and greet with 2nd finalist (open to public)

3:30 p.m.: Interview with 2nd finalist

Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register