

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 15, 2025

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Lee provided the Invocation. Commissioner Northrop led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Jones added New Business Item #2, a motion to move the June 19, 2025 Committee of the Whole to another date.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Northrop, to approve the May 15, 2025, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

R-10-2025

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

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND TO HONOR
THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Cass County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week will be observed May 11 - May 17, 2025, to commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Cass County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, 345 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 148 officers killed in 2024 and 197 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags shall be flown at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Sheriff's Office will hold a memorial on May 14th at 12:00 PM in memory of Deputy Shane Britton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby designates and proclaims the week of May 11 - 17, 2025 as "National Police Week" and publicly salutes the service of all law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to designate and proclaim May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty and recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

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-10-2025 carried by roll call vote.

R-11-2025

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

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WEEK IN CASS COUNTY

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring public safety;

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession;

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care, and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities;

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel, and treat thousands of offenders;

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope, and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cass County Board of Commissioners that correctional officers and employees, especially our exemplary staff at the Cass County Jail, deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, and the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of May 4-10, 2025 as National Correctional Officers Week in Cass County and call

upon the people of Cass County to express their gratitude and appreciation for the professionalism, courage, dedication, and valuable contributions made to public safety by Cass County Correctional Officers.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-11-2025 carried by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

R-12-2025

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

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the requirements of Part I of the Agreement have been satisfied and that the integration of the Member's Sites and the MPSCS may be implemented; And agree that Part I and Part II are integrated into one Agreement as of the effective date of Part II; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to maintain the Network as provided in the Agreement for interoperable and enhanced communications coverage and performance in certain geographic locations within Member's corporate boundaries as follows subject the following additional terms.

1. ADDITIONAL DEFENITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PART II. Exhibit — means the attachments to Part II of this Agreement, which are incorporated into this Agreement and specify additional obligations as follows:

- a. Exhibit 2.A — means Communications Towers Integrated into the MPSCS.
- b. Exhibit 2.B — means DTMB-MPSCS's schedule for preventative maintenance, repair, and monitoring responsibilities with additional terms. Exhibit 2.B may be amended from time to time to update the applicable preventative maintenance responsibilities under the Agreement.

2. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION. The Member retains DTMB-MPSCS to monitor the Member's Communications Equipment in accordance with the terms and payment schedule provided in Exhibit 2.B.

3. DTMB-MPSCS'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Communications Equipment Maintenance. DTMB-MPSCS agrees to monitor, maintain, and repair the Member's Communications Equipment on behalf of the Member in accordance with this Part II Agreement.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Amended and Restated Part II is the date it is signed by DTMB-MPSCS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS approves the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Integration Agreement with Cass County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jeremiah Jones, Chairperson of the Cass County Board of Commissioners, is authorized to sign aforementioned agreements.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-12-2025 carried by roll call vote.

MOTION

Chair Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move the June 19, 2025, Committee of the Whole to June 26, 2025, in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register