

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

July 17, 2025

Vice-Chair James Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Commissioner Grice offered 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: RJ Lee, Roseann Marchetti, Samuel Barrera, Jeremiah Jones, Michael Grice, Alan Northrop, James Lawrence and Thomas Langley.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Chair Jones, to approve the July 17, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

Public comment occurred.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the June 26, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE REPORT

The June 2025 Finance Report was in the packet and on the county website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Adam Brent to the Materials Management Planning Committee

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission requested the appointment of Adam Brent to the Materials Management Planning Committee for the Compost Facility Operator position. Mr. Brent currently owns and operates a compost facility in Holland and mentioned in his application that he is in the process of establishing a new facility in Benton Harbor.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Chair Jones, to move item 1. to the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Reappointments of Sheriff Clint Roach, Judge Mark Herman, Judge Stacey Rentfrow, Judge Carol Bealor, Bob Weber, Victor Fitz, and James Plukas to the Community Corrections Advisory Board with terms ending September 30, 2029

Sheriff Roach, Judge Herman, Judge Rentfrow, Judge Bealor, Bob Weber, Prosecutor Fitz, and James Plukas currently serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board with terms ending September 30, 2025. All positions are delegated by state statute.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move item 2. to the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Resolution to approve Medical Care Facility Millage Ballot Language

Medical Care Facility Director Mercedes Schirrippa shared information on the facility and the need to ask the residents for a millage renewal.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Chair Jones, to move item 3. to the next regular board meeting agenda.

4. Resolution to appoint Nicolas Kostelecky, M.D. as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County County Ambulance Committee

WMU School of Medicine added a new Deputy Medical Examiner to its roster. MCL 52.201a authorizes the Board of Commissioners to appoint Deputy Medical Examiners serving the County, and WMU Med has asked the County to do so.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move item 4. to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Child Care Fund Budget for FY 2026 (10/1/25-9/30/26)

Judge Bealor explained that the Child Care Fund (CCF) Budget was approved annually by the Board of Commissioners. Costs were paid 100% initially by the county and reimbursed by the state at 75% for eligible costs except for foster care, which the state pays first the total bill for such foster care then the County reimburses the state at 50%. This approval must occur before the normal county budget is approved because of State requirements as well as to meet deadlines for the funding to be included in the State budget.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move item 5. to the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Classification and Compensation Study Final Report

Judge Bealor explained that the committee would like additional time for review and processing of the comprehensive report provided by Mark Nottley. After discussion, board members decided to discuss the report at the August Committee of the Whole.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

James Lawrence, Vice-Chair

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register