

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 7, 2025

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 7, 2025, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Langley provided the Invocation. Commissioner Marchetti 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)

Public comment occurred.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Jones added the Recognition of a CCSO Deputy as well as a Closed Session to discuss an employee issue.

Commissioner Grice removed M-113-2025.

Commissioner Marchetti added the Recognition of Mercedes Schirripa.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Northrop moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the August 7, 2025, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Marchetti recognized Cass County Medical Care Facility Director Mercedes Schirripa for making the Moody on the Market's list of 40 under 40.

Sheriff Roach recognized Deputy Harris and canine Sitka for assisting Three Rivers Police Department while on their day off. Deputy Harris and Sitka apprehended a suspect who fled from officers.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Lawrence 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-107- 2025) A motion to approve claims dated 07/01/2025 to 07/31/2025

(M-108-2025) To approve the July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

(M-109-2025) To approve the July 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

(M-110-2025) A motion to approve the appointment of Adam Brent to the Materials Management Planning Committee

(M-111-2025) A motion to approve the reappointments of Sheriff Clint Roach, Judge Mark Herman, Judge Stacey Rentfrow, Judge Carol Bealar, Bob Weber, Victor Fitz, and James Plukas to the Community Corrections Advisory Board with terms ending September 30, 2029

(R-15-2025)

WHEREAS, the Cass County (“County”) Board of Commissioners has the powers granted by 1851 Act 156, including the authority to levy a tax to raise funds permitted and authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 400.58, a county board may, with the approval of the county board of commissioners, supervise and be responsible for the operation of a county medical care facility in, auxiliary to, or independent of the county infirmary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the County and its residents that revenue be authorized for defraying the costs of operation of the Cass County Medical Care Facility as well as funding for Cass County Medical Care Facility to expand service options for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Medical Care Facility has requested that the County ask voters for a millage renewal of .4881 mill, subject to applicable Headlee rollbacks, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the 2025 levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that placing the millage request on the ballot at the November 4, 2025 election is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the County residents.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Cass County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners resolves to present to the electors of the County at the November 4, 2025 election a millage renewal as described in the ballot language attached as Exhibit

A. The Board of Commissioners approves and certifies the ballot language attached as Exhibit A.

2. The Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to promptly submit this Resolution, along with the ballot language attached as Exhibit A, to the County Clerk so that the millage proposition may be included on the November 4, 2025 election ballot.

Any resolution inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded.

MEDICAL CARE FACILITY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Cass, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .4881 mill (\$0.4881 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the millage rate that expired in 2024, against all taxable property within Cass County for a period of ten (10) years, 2025 through 2034, inclusive, for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation of the Cass County Medical Care Facility as well as funding for Cass County Medical Care Facility to expand service options for the community? The estimate of the revenue Cass County will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2025) is approximately \$1,540,000. By law, a portion of the millage may be subject to capture by brownfield redevelopment authorities and those authorities governed by the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, 2018 PA 57, including but not limited to the City of Dowagiac and City of Niles Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities.

(R-16-2025)

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NICOLAS ALEXANDER KOSTELECKY, MD AS A DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR CASS COUNTY

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the appointment of Nicolas Alexander Kostecky, M.D., to the position of Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Section 52.201a of the Michigan Compiled Laws authorizes the Cass County Board of Commissioners to appoint Deputy Medical Examiners who meet the required qualifications, who are licensed physicians in the State of Michigan, and who have been approved by the Chief Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Cass County's Chief Medical Examiner has formally requested the appointment of Dr. Nicholas Alexander Kostecky, as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Cass County's Chief Medical Examiner has verified Dr. Nicolas Kostecky, M.D., meets the required qualifications and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners confirms the appointment of Dr. Nicolas Alexander Kostecky, M.D. as Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County, effective August 7, 2025.

(M-112-2025) A motion to approve Child Care Fund Budget for FY 2026 (10/1/25-9/30/26)

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Lawrence, Grice, Barrera, Marchetti, Lee and Jones offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Jordan provided the Administrator's Report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

Korie Blyveis and Justin Hillsburg provided an update on the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael, Prosecutor Victor Fitz, Judge Carol Bealor and Sheriff Clint Roach shared updates.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(8)(1)(a) and to include Clerk/Register McMichael, Treasurer Hope Anderson, CCIEA Union President Kari Lee, Human Resources Director Beth Daly and County Administrator Patrick Jordan.

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Northrop, to amend the motion to remove CCIEA President Kari Lee from the Closed Session.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (3): Commissioners Grice, Northrop and Marchetti.

No (5): Commissioners Barrera, Jones, Lawrence, Langley and Lee.

Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll on the original motion:

Yes (7): Commissioners Barrera, Jones, Lawrence, Langley, Marchetti, Lee and Northrop.

No (1): Commissioner Grice.

Motion carried by roll call vote. The meeting moved to closed session at 5:42 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:24 p.m.

MOTION

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to follow the advice of the county attorney on matters discussed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register