

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

November 20, 2025

The Cass County Board of Commissioners gathered for a special meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, in Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R.J. Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the November 20, 2025, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

R-25-25

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

RESOLUTION HONORING LONG-TIME CASS COUNTY SERVICE VOLUNTEER LINDA MINNIX

WHEREAS, Cass County Cancer Service serves as a beacon of hope and compassion for Cass County residents navigating the challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, for the past 19 years, Linda Minnix has dedicated her time, energy and heart to furthering this mission through her work with Cass County Cancer Service; and

WHEREAS, during her years of volunteerism, Linda has helped provide critical financial and emotional support to countless Cass County families, ensuring that no one faces cancer alone; and

WHEREAS, Cass County Cancer Service offers an invaluable program, granting \$600 per year for three years to county residents diagnosed with cancer, empowering them to use the funds in ways that best support their journey; and

WHEREAS, beyond these direct grants, the organization also provides gas cards, utility support and other assistance easing the burdens that accompany treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Cass County Cancer Service operates as an independent, community-supported organization, relying entirely on the generosity of local donors and the dedication of volunteers like Linda who have helped organize beloved community fundraisers such as golf outings, soup lunches, and other charitable events; and

WHEREAS, through nearly two decades of steadfast service, Linda has exemplified the spirit of compassion, integrity and community that makes Cass County a stronger and more caring place to live;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and extends its deepest gratitude to Linda Minnix for her 19 years of outstanding volunteer service to Cass County Cancer Service and the residents of Cass County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners congratulates Linda Minnix on her retirement from active service, with heartfelt appreciation for the difference she has made in the lives of so many, and with best wishes for health, happiness and well-deserved rest in the years to come.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Lee

Resolution R-25-25 carried by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

R-26-2025

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED 2025 APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law 211.37

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.36 requires each Township Clerk to submit to the County Clerk on, or before, September 30 each year a statement which sets forth the amount of money to be raised in the Township by taxation; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.37 requires the County Board of Commissioners to hold an apportionment session and approve an Apportionment Report in October of each year; and

WHEREAS, at the annual apportionment session, the County Board of Commissioners must examine documents and records submitted to the Board that show the amount of money to be raised by ad valorem levies in each Township for school, highway, Township, and all other purposes as authorized by law and authorize and require the correction of any defects or omissions with regard to those levies; and

WHEREAS, the action of the County Board of Commissioners concerning the spread of these levies is final, except in situations where a change is made to the equalization of the County through an equalization appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and

WHEREAS, the Apportionment Report approved by the County Board of Commissioners for 2025 will be the official authorization for its 59 taxing authorities within the County to levy property taxes in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Equalization Department has prepared an Apportionment Report for consideration by the County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Apportionment Report, if approved, will provide final authorization for

the levy of property taxes upon which taxing authorities depend to provide educational, health, economic development, public safety, and other services which are important to the well-being of the county's economy and Cass County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2025 Apportionment Report showing the millage levies apportioned to various taxing authorities in Cass County for the year 2025 is hereby approved in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 211.37; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners, under the authority of Michigan Compiled Law 211.37, directs that the millage rates specified in the attached 2025 Apportionment Report for Township, school, highway, and all other purposes as authorized by law shall be spread against the taxable value of properties on the proper assessment rolls of the Townships, Wards, and Cities in the County.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Lee.

Resolution R-26-2025 carried by roll call vote.

R-27-2025

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

2025 L-4029 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of Cass County Board of Commissioners to authorize the levy of the county's millage rate for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County millage is affected by M.C.L. Section 211.34d, Headlee Rollback, that has limited the County to 6.8888 mills for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County millage is affected by P.A. 5 of 1982, Truth in Taxation and would further limit the county to 6.2090 mills which could result in a tax dollar shortfall of \$802,113; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasury has notified Cass County on monies to be received under the Convention Facility Liquor Tax of \$197,889 and Health and Safety Fund Act Revenue of \$0 for a total of \$197,889 which further reduces the County millage rate to 6.1053 mills due to M.C.L.

Section 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to levy a maximum of 6.8888 mills, which includes 4.5172 County Allocated mills, 0.9733 mill for Council on Aging, 0.4881 for Medical Care Facility, 0.1974 mill for E911 Services, 0.2468 mill for Transportation Authority and 0.4705 mill for Drug Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the County can levy the full millage rate of 6.4007 only after fulfilling the public requirements of M.C.L. Section 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has fulfilled the requirements of M.C.L. 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after much deliberation and consideration of the County's budgetary needs for 2025, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has decided, in the best interest of the county, to levy 6.8888 mills, which is 4.5127 County Allocated mills, 0.9733 mill for Council on Aging, 0.4881 for Medical Care Facility, 0.1974 mill for E-911 Services, 0.2468 mill for Transportation Authority and 0.4705 mill for Drug Enforcement.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Lee.

Resolution R-27-2025 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register