

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 5, 2026

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Lawrence provided the Invocation. Commissioner Lee 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 R.J. Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

Public comment occurred.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lawrence added the following motion to New Business: 2026 wage increase 2 steps for Amanda Smego paid for by Vicor Fitz's Office.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barrera moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the February 5, 2026, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, 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-20-2026) A motion to approve the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes

(M-21-2026) A motion to approve claims dated 1/1/2026 to 1/30/2026

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 Langley, Grice, Barrera and Marchetti offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Rentfrow provided the Administrator's Report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk/Register McMichael, Treasurer Anderson and Judge Bealor shared updates.

NEW BUSINESS

M-22-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to amend the Board of Commissioners Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-23-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the amended BOC board, commission and committee assignments. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-24-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the Cass County Opioid Settlement Funds Award to the Sheriff for a certified K9 and dedicated K9 vehicle. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Planning Commission's role in data center regulation: University of Michigan Professor Sarah Mills will present to the Planning Commission on AI Data Centers at a date to be determined.

MOTION

Commissioner Northrop moved, seconded by Commissioner Langley, to approve a 2026 wage increase 2 steps for Amanda Smego paid for by Victor Fitz's Office. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Northrop recalled the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register