

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 4, 2026

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 2026, in Commission Chambers.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barrera moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the June 4, 2026, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

M-87-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to open the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote. There was no public comment.

M-88-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

The Cass County Historical Commission shared a presentation with the board.

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-89-2026) A motion to approve the May 21, 2026 meeting minutes

(M-90-2026) A motion to approve claims dated 5/1/2026 to 5/31/2026

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Jones and Marchetti offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Rentfrow shared the Administrator's Report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Prosecutor Scoggin, Judge Bealor and Sarah Mathews provided updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M-79-2026

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to appoint Tyler Augst, Jayne Bailey, Michael Bowman, Dianna McGrew and Dan Stutsman to the Cass County Planning Commission with terms expiring 07/31/2029. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

M-91-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve moving funds from the Administrator's Office budget to the IT budget to cover the cost of bringing the court website into ADA compliance and website under county site. Motion carried by voice vote.

R-25-2026

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE L-4029 TAX RATE REQUEST

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of Cass County Board of Commissioners to authorize the levy of the county's millage rate for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County millage is affected by M.C.L. Section 211.34d, Headlee Rollback, that has limited the County to 6.6517 mills for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County millage is affected by P.A. 5 of 1982, Truth in Taxation and would further limit the county to 6.6057 mills which could result in a tax dollar shortfall of \$152,498; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasury has notified Cass County on monies to be received under the Convention Facility Liquor Tax of \$205,522 and Health and Safety Fund Act Revenue of \$0 for a total of \$205,522 which further reduces the County millage rate to 6.6057 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 6.6517 mills, which includes 4.4860 County Allocated mills, 0.9675 mill for Council on Aging, 0.2453 mill for Transportation Authority, 0.4852 for Medical Care Facility and 0.4677 mill for Drug Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the County can levy the full millage rate of 6.6517 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 2026, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has decided, in the best interest of the county, to levy 6.6517 mills, which is 4.4860 County Allocated mills, 0.9675 mill for Council on Aging, 0.2453 mill for Transportation Authority, 0.4852 for Medical Care Facility and 0.4677mill for Drug Enforcement.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-25-2026 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred.

CLOSED SESSION

M-92-2026

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Langley, to enter a Closed Session to review Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act and to include Clerk/Register Monica McMichael, Administrator Rentfrow and Administrative Specialist Kasey Bess.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Motion M-92-2026 to enter closed session carried by roll call vote. The meeting moved to Closed Session at 5:41 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

M-93-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti to deny the appeal to the extent the requester is asking the County to apply only the fees under the FOIA and grant the appeal to the extent the County is undergoing a review of the reasonableness of the fees under the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, as stated more fully in the proposed letter.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Motion M-93-2026 carried by roll call vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register