

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

July 16, 2026

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 2026, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Grice provided the Invocation. Commissioner Lawrence 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 July 16, 2026, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

RECOGNITIONS

Clerk/Register McMichael recognized the winners of the 2026 Cass County "I Voted" Sticker Contest.

Chloe Dennis – Cassopolis
JaMya Hart - Cassopolis
Jade Leith – Edwardsburg
Mia Neill – Edwardsburg

She acknowledged the impressive entries and thanked those who served as judges. State Representative Steve Carra assisted in reviewing the submissions and provided a letter to each of the winners. The stickers will be available in all Cass County precincts for the August and November Elections.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner 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-107-2026) A motion to approve the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The June 2026 Financial Report was included in the board packet.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Langley and Marchetti offered committee reports.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Prosecutor Scoggin, Judge Bealor and Treasurer Anderson shared updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

M-108-2026

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the 2027 Community Corrections Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-109-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve a \$37,000 budget adjustment for the Medical Examiner budget, funded through an increase from the General Fund. The additional funding was requested to cover increased transportation costs and a higher-than-anticipated number of autopsies. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-110-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to appoint Jaclyn Lyles to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 7/31/2029. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-111-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Second Addendum to the Cass County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-112-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve participation in the 2026 One Year Public Interest Fellowship through Notre Dame Law School, authorize the County Administrator to execute the Host Agency Agreement, and approve the necessary budget amendment to recognize the fellowship revenue and appropriate the related expenditures, with Notre Dame Law School providing reimbursement for 100% of the Fellow's \$65,000 salary and reimbursement of 100% of the County's cost of employee (non-union) fringe benefits for the one year fellowship term, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-113-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Langley, to award the contract for the purchase and installation of a new 150 kW natural gas emergency generator project to R.W. LaPine, Inc., as the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$28,682, to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-114-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to award the contract for the structural steel support system for the Cass County Jail emergency generator project to R.W. LaPine, Inc., as the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$28,682, to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Marchetti shared an announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register