

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 20, 2026

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2026, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation. Commissioner Barrera 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, Samuel Barrera, Roseann Marchetti and R.J. Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Michael Grice.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the August 20, 2026, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

Public comment occurred.

RECOGNITIONS

R-31-2026

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

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AUGUST AS CHILD SUPPORT MONTH

WHEREAS child support strengthens families and invests in the future of our children, our communities, and our state; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Child Support Program exists to encourage and facilitate means by which children receive the emotional and financial support they need from both parents; and

WHEREAS child support workers, local prosecutor's offices, court staff, employers, hospitals, and community partners work together to ensure child support is established and payments are processed; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Child Support continues its national leadership role in child support collections with \$1.3 billion distributed to families in 2025; and

WHEREAS during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to recognize the contributions of child support workers, employers, local prosecutor's offices and court staff, hospitals, and community partners to the well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS we thank the tireless efforts of these public servants, whose work supports more than 782,000 Michigan children, with the Cass County Friend of the Court having approximately 3,000 of these open cases and the Cass County Prosecutor's Office assisting with the establishment of some of these cases; and

WHEREAS we dedicate August 2026 as Child Support Month in Cass County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in honor of August 2026 having been declared Child Support Month in the State of Michigan, we sign and dedicate this document to honor and recognize the work of those individuals in Cass County, Michigan who ensure child support services are available and accessible to its citizens, to encourage people throughout the County to continue to invest in the future of our children, and to thank those who work every day to support children, especially the staff of the Cass County Friend of the Court and Cass County Prosecutor's Office who work to establish and enforce child support for Cass County families and children.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Grice.

Resolution R-31-2026 carried by roll call vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Chair Tom Jerdon introduced Southwestern Michigan College President Dr. Klint Pleasant.

Judge Bealor and Prosecutor Scoggin introduced Notre Dame Law School Public Interest Fellow Kimberly West.

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-123-2026) A motion to approve the August 13, 2026 meeting minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Grice.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The July 2026 Administrator's Report was included in the board packet.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Marchetti offered a committee report.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judge Bealor provided an update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M-124-2026

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

NEW BUSINESS

M-125-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Langley, to approve the Michigan Indiana State Line Remonumentation Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, in the amount of \$76,994, and to award and approve the related Michigan Indiana State Line Survey Contract to DLZ in the amount of \$70,800. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-126-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and the Cass County GIS Department. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-127-2026

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to adopt the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Revolving Loan Fund Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-128-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to rescind the existing Cass County Credit Card Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-129-2026

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Langley, to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

R-33-2026

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

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

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the appointment of Abigail Alexander, 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. Abigail Alexander, as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County; and
WHEREAS, Cass County's Chief Medical Examiner has verified Dr. Abigail Alexander, 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. Abigail Alexander, M.D. as Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County, effective September 14, 2026.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Grice.

Resolution R-33-2026 carried by roll call vote.

R-34-2026

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

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT FERNANDA DA SILVA LAMEIRA, MD AS A DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR CASS COUNTY

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the appointment of Fernanda Da Silva Lameira, 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. Fernanda Da Silva Lameira, as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Cass County's Chief Medical Examiner has verified Dr. Fernanda Da Silva Lameira, 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. Fernanda Da Silva Lameira, M.D. as Deputy Medical Examiner for Cass County, effective August 3, 2026.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Grice.

Resolution R-34-2026 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register