

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

October 19, 2023

The Cass County Board of Commissioners gathered for a special meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Lawrence, Joyce Locke, Jeremiah Jones, Mary Howie, Samuel Barrera, Roseann Marchetti and RJ Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ryan Laylin.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Matthew Newton and Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the October 19, 2023, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-165-23

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 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 2023 will be the official authorization for its 59 taxing authorities within the County to levy property taxes in 2023; 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 2023 Apportionment Report showing the millage levies apportioned to various taxing authorities in Cass County for the year 2023 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 2023 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 Lawrence, Locke, Jones, Howie, Barrera, Marchetti and Lee.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Laylin.

Resolution R-165-23 carried by roll call vote.

R-166-23

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

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE DESIGNATED PLANNING AGENCY FOR MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND APPROVE JOINING A MULTI-COUNTY PLAN WITH BERRIEN & VAN BUREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Solid Waste Program was updated with the passage of significant amendments to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (1994 PA 451) in December 2022 and became effective on March 29, 2023;

WHEREAS, the amendments include a new Materials Management Planning process that requires each county to develop a Materials Management Plan (MMP);

WHEREAS, a County must select a Designated Planning Agency (DPA) to develop the MMP;

WHEREAS, a County is required to consult with each adjacent county regarding the option of preparing a multicounty MMP;

WHEREAS, the County has 180 days from the date the EGLE Director initiates the MMP Process to develop an Interlocal Agreement for a Multicounty MMP (if applicable) and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EGLE; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission has agreed to serve as Cass County's DPA and recommends the County consider joining a multicounty plan with Berrien and Van Buren Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby selects the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to serve as the County's Designated Planning Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners approves joining a multicounty plan with Berrien and Van Buren Counties.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners Locke, Jones, Howie, Barrera, Marchetti, Lee and Lawrence.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Laylin.

Resolution R- 166-23 carried by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register