

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

November 2, 2023

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jeremiah 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: Ryan Laylin, James Lawrence, Joyce Locke, Jeremiah Jones, Samuel Barrera, Roseann Marchetti and RJ Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mary Howie.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Vice-Chair Laylin removed motion M-183-23. Commissioner Marchetti added a brief discussion regarding the Committee of the Whole under New Business.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the November 2, 2023, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks Director Scott Wyman informed the board that seven AmeriCorps volunteers recently worked in county parks for three weeks. Wyman calculated the work conducted saved the county over \$20,000. He introduced three of the volunteers who were present. Sierra from Nevada, Olivia from North Carolina and Grant from Minnesota who shared their backgrounds as well as highlights of their AmeriCorps experiences.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Laylin 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-167-23) Motion to approve the claims dated October 1, 2023 through October 27, 2023.

(M-168-23) Motion to approve October 5, 2023 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

(M-169-23) Motion to approve October 19, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

(M-170-23) Motion to reappoint Kevin Anderson to the Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 09/30/2029.

(M-171-23) Motion to reappoint Sheryl DeLuca to the Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 09/30/2029.

(M-172-23) Motion to appoint Arrell Chapman to the Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 09/30/2029.

(M-173-23) Motion to reappoint Tom Miles to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term expiring 09/30/2027.

(M-174-23) Motion to reappoint Dianna McGrew to the Cass County Planning commission for a term expiring 07/31/2026.

(M-175-23) Motion to reappoint Annie File to the Cass County Planning Commission for a term expiring 07/31/2026.

(M-176-23) Motion to reappoint Jayne Bailey to the Cass County Planning Commission for a term expiring 07/31/2026.

(M-177-23) Motion to appoint Scott Swanson to the Veteran's Advisory Committee for a term expiring 09/30/2026.

(M-178-23) Motion to approve the revised FMLA Policy.

(M-179-23) Motion to approve posting of the District Court Collections Clerk.

M-180-23) Motion to approve Interfund Transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Juvenile Probation Office Wages to the Juvenile Court Professional Services to complete the OnBase Project.

(M-181-23) Motion to approve the budgets for the Raise the Age Grant and Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant for FY24 as presented.

(M-182-23) Motion to approve the Problem-Solving Court Budgets for FY24 as presented.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Howie.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COUNTY PARTNERS

Conservation District representative Korie Blyveis announced that the Conservation District offered a letter of support for a Rural Readiness Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Bob Thompson, Road Commission Manager, updated the board after an extremely successful construction season. He shared that construction on the Gumwood Road roundabout was $\frac{3}{4}$ finished with completion expected in 2024. He went on to announce that MDOT planned to install a roundabout at Gumwood and US 12 in 2027/2028. Until then, MDOT would install a temporary stoplight.

Parks Director Scott Wyman thanked the Road Commission for their partnership with the Parks Department.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judge Bealor, Sheriff Behnke and Prosecutor Fitz shared updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole Discussion: Commissioner Marchetti shared concerns over the length of the Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings. The last COW exceeded three hours and the agenda consisted of three important presentations in addition to other agenda items.

Discussion followed regarding agenda items that could move to the regular board meetings.

Commissioner Marchetti asked commissioners to bring ideas on how to improve the COW to the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register