

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

December 19, 2024

Vice-Chair Barrera called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Commissioner Marchetti offered the Invocation. Commissioner Locke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk and Register of Deeds Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the December 19, 2024, Cass County Committee of the Whole Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Locke, to approve the November 21, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

Sheriff Behnke introduced four deputies who recently graduated from the police academy:

Joseph Barnhart
Nate Fletter
Chad Somerville
Miya Steele

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Jennifer Rentfrow offered the Finance Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments to Board and Commissions

Chair Jones announced the following appointments as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

- a. Kinexus Board – Anna Murphy and Arlander Washington
- b. Van Buren/Cass District Board of Health – Vicki Vaughn
- c. Economic Development Corporatoin/Brownfield – Joyce Locke and Lori Whitmyer
- d. Board of Public Works – James Dodd and Joe Silvia
- e. Parks & Recreation Commission – Joyce Locke and Annie File
- f. Materials Management Planning Committee – Kim Haneberg and Donovan Kelley

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to move item 1a. to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Howie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move item 1b to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to move item 1c to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Locke, to move item 1d to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to move item 1e to the next regular board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to move item 1f to the next regular board meeting.

2. Opioid Settlement Requests

Two entities submitted written requests for funding from the Cass County Opioid Settlement Funds:

- a. Cass County Problem-Solving Courts – amount not to exceed \$30,000 to support Housing, Transportation/Drug Testing, Unmet Participant Needs, and Training for Team Members.
- b. Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network – \$2,154 to install additional Naloxone Distribution Boxes at two additional sites.

The Opioid Settlement Committee reviewed the requests and recommended fully funding both projects.

Commissioner Lee moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to place item 2a on the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to place item 2b on the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Marcellus Township Police Services Contract

Sheriff Behnke requested the board approve an Agreement for Police Services with Marcellus Township. The Agreement would provide 80 hours of coverage on a bi-weekly basis. The total anticipated budget to be paid by the Township was \$172,954.96.

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to place item 3 on the next regular board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Vice-Chair Samuel Barrera

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register