

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 4, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the Cass County Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Bernie Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Cobb provided the Invocation. Commissioner Dyes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Robert Wagel, Annie File, Dwight Dyes, Roseann Marchetti, Bernie Williamson, Robert Ziliak and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator/Controller Roger Fraser, Finance Director/Deputy Administrator/Controller Angie Steinman, and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the June 4, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Amended Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION

The following individuals appeared with their families to be recognized for their academic achievements.

Commissioner Wagel-Tristan Howard, Valedictorian Dowagiac High School

Commissioner File-Brennan Augst, Salutatorian Decatur High School

Courtney Hartline, Co-Salutatorian Marcellus High School

Commissioner Ziliak-Robert Lundberg, Co-Valedictorian/Co-Salutatorian Niles High School

Commissioner Cobb-Cayley Gay, Salutatorian Cassopolis High School

Kasey Smith, Salutatorian Dowagiac High School

Commissioner Williamson-Kylee Myer, Co-Valedictorian/Co-Salutatorian Niles High School

Commissioners read a bio for each student that highlighted their accomplishments. The students were given a Certificate of Excellence and a Cass County pin. Chairperson Williamson wished them all great success!

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner File, 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:

Motion approving Claims dated 5/22/15 (M-53-15)

6A. Motion to set date for Truth and Taxation Hearing (M-54-15)

Motion to set the date of June 18, 2015 for the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

7A. Resolution-Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant

R-57-15

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM AND CASS COUNTY FOR THE SCRAP TIRE CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, goals of the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium (Consortium) include cooperative action on solid waste, recycling and utilization of recycled products among the seven member counties; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium (Consortium) was awarded the 2015 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant (grant); and

WHEREAS, the grant Agreement between the Consortium and MDEQ was signed and the project scope, timetable and reports referenced in the Agreement are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, as a Consortium member, Cass County is allowed up to \$6,000 through the grant to pay for recycling of tires collected through a local series of scrap tire recycling events; and **WHEREAS**, local program coordination will be conducted by Commissioner Ziliak and program costs will be paid by the State of Michigan through a direct payment to the tire vendor, Deer Path Recyclers Inc., Dowagiac MI for the amount not to exceed \$6,000. (Advertising Expense and any costs above \$6,000 will be billed to host site or member county.) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the individuals signing below certify by their signatures that they are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of their agencies, and that the parties will fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

Approval of May 21, 2015 Regular meeting minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners File, Marchetti, Ziliak, Wagel, Williamson, Cobb and Dyes.

No (0): None.

Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Ziliak and Williamson gave committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Fraser gave the Board of Commissioners a report of activity. He pointed out that there was not much to report as there are several projects that are still trying to be wrapped up. No discussion followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Director Angie Steinman passed out a handout with the current budget summaries. She said there was not much to report. She has been working on the budget for FY 2016 and the healthcare committee meeting set for tomorrow morning. Commissioner Ziliak asked about any significant increases or reductions to the budget. There were none to report. No discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wagel moved to enter into Closed Session to discuss labor matters taking Administrator Fraser, Finance Director Angie Steinman, Sheriff Underwood, Undersheriff Behnke and Chief Deputy Clerk Heather Harding, seconded by Commissioner File.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (7): Commissioners File, Marchetti, Ziliak, Wagel, Williamson, Cobb and Dyes.

No (0): None.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Board of Commissioners entered into Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

R-58-15

RESOLUTION CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Detective Beth M. Davis would like to purchase two (2) years of generic service credit in the MERS retirement program at her cost, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement by and between Teamsters, the Sheriff and Cass County Board of Commissioners provides that employees shall be permitted to purchase up to five (5) years of generic service as defined by MERS; if they pay one hundred (100%) percent of the employer and employee cost;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners grant the two (2) years of generic service credit to Beth M. Davis provided that she pay the total actuarial cost of 24,271.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti, Williamson, Cobb, Wagel and File.

No (1): Commissioner Ziliak

Resolution R-58-15 carried by roll call vote.

M-60-15

Commissioner Wagel moved to approve the Labor Agreement with COAM, seconded by Commissioner Dyes. No discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Ziliak and Williamson made board member comments/announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Feick addressed the board regarding a question CCIEA Union President asked at the May 7th, 2015 Board of Commissioner Regular meeting and she wanted to know if Administrator Fraser would give some highlights from his recent MACC conference he attended. Chairperson Williamson and Administrator Fraser addressed Ms. Feick. MERS reps will be at the June 26, 2015 meeting to address the questions Ms. Butler had for Administrator Fraser. They will be addressed at the public meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Administrator Fraser did mention a few highlights from the conference; however, he would give a full report at the next meeting.

Sheriff Underwood mentioned the Public Auction that is going on Saturday June 6, 2015 at the Cass County Fairgrounds. The auction begins at 9 am, but people can start coming and looking at items at 8:30 am. Sheriff Underwood said, "There are little treasures for everyone."

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register