

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

December 15, 2016

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, December 15, 2016 in the Cass County Commission Chambers.

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

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Wagel

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Karen Folks, Finance Director Angie Steinman and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the December 15, 2016 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Maintenance Director Dave Dickey gave presentation on the air sampling assessment for the Cass County Building. He indicated that sixteen air samples were taken from the Cass County Building and one from outside. The reason the samples had been taken were because employees from the Cass County Building were expressing their concern with the air quality in the building. The Kincheloe Room (Room 120) came back with elevated levels, and room 209 had a visual of mold. Both of the rooms have since been taken care of and have been re-tested. They have come back with levels at acceptable ranges. Dave indicated that if anyone had any questions the gentleman that conducted the tests is available to speak. Discussion followed.

RECOGNITIONS

Chairperson Williamson asked the board if they would agree to a roll call vote for all four of the resolutions. Administrator Folks indicated that it would be a roll vote by acclamation. The board agreed to allow R-166-16, R-167-16, R-168-16 and R-169-16 to be voted on with one roll call vote.

1. Commissioner Wagel, Years of Service **(R-166-16)**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF CASS

WHEREAS, Robert Wagel was elected to the Cass County Board of Commissioners in January 2009 and has represented Cass County residents in the District 1; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wagel has served on the Board for the past eight years with integrity, professionalism, wisdom and dedication to the best interests of Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wagel has demonstrated outstanding leadership and sensitivity to the needs of the constituents of District 1, doing so by his example of service on the numerous boards and commissions he served on, including, but not limited to the Board of Public Works, Human Services Coordinating Council, KCMHSAS Advisory Council, Michigan Association of Counties, the Plat Board, Solid Waste Planning Committee, SMART Committee, SW Michigan Tourist Council, Transportation Authority, Woodlands Board and the Workforce Development Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners recognizes Commissioner Wagel for his leadership, advocacy, professionalism, dedication and commitment to the best interests of this greater Cass County community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners expresses their gratitude for Commissioner Wagel's outstanding public service to the Cass County community and extends their best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

2. Commissioner Williamson, Years of Service **(R-167-16)**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF CASS

WHEREAS, Bernie Williamson was elected to the Cass County Board of Commissioners in January 2013 and has represented Cass County residents in the District 6; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Williamson has served this County for the past two years as the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the prior two years as Vice-Chair, demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism, leadership and dedication to the best interests of Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Williamson has been a dynamic advocate, providing a passionate voice on behalf of the constituents of the 6th District, as well as the residents and other stakeholders of Cass County as she actively served on many area boards and commissions, including, but not limited to the Area Agency on Aging, Council on Aging, Community Corrections Advisory Board, Emergency Food/Shelter Committee, Historical Commission, Land Preservation Board, Local Emergency Planning, Local Revenue Sharing, SMART Committee, Veteran's Advisory Committee and the Workforce Development Board all with the desire to improve the lives of the citizens and visitors to Cass County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners recognizes Commissioner Williamson for her leadership, advocacy, professionalism, dedication and commitment to the best interests of this greater Cass County community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners expresses their gratitude for Commissioner Williamson's outstanding public service to the Cass County community and extends their best wishes to her in all her future endeavors.

3. Scott Mellen, Cass County Dispatch, Lifesaving Award (**R-168-16**)

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO HONOR DISPATCHER SCOTT MELLEN
OF THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Dispatcher Scott Mellen was on duty at Cass County E-911 Dispatch on July 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2016 a 9-1-1 emergency call was received from an individual stating that there was a male subject, a possible drowning victim; and

WHEREAS, Dispatcher Mellen instructed an individual over the telephone on how to perform CPR; and

WHEREAS, Dispatcher Mellen remained calm and in turn kept the caller calm; and

WHEREAS, Due to Dispatcher Mellen's calm demeanor and his ability to instruct the caller through CPR, the victim, Paul Schafer was breathing on his own and had a pulse before being transported by ambulance to the hospital;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the heroic action taken by Dispatcher Mellen in his dedication to providing CPR instructions over the telephone resulting in the saving of an individual's life, and is honored on this 15th day of December, 2016.

4. Roger Blaire, Lifesaving Award (**R-169-16**)

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO HONOR ROGER BLAIRE
of St. Petersburg, Florida

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger Blaire was visiting Diamond Lake, Cassopolis, Michigan on July 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2016 there was a male subject, a possible drowning victim; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger Blaire was a bystander at the scene of the possible drowning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger Blaire did not hesitate to get involved in assisting with removing the body from the water and administering lifesaving chest compressions until the individual started breathing on his own; and

WHEREAS, Due to Mr. Roger Blaire's involvement in this situation, the victim, Paul Schafer was breathing on his own and had a pulse before being transported by ambulance to the hospital.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the heroic action taken by Mr. Roger Blaire in his decision to assist in the reviving of an individual resulting in the saving of an individual's life and is honored on this 15th day of December, 2016.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(0): None.

Absent(1): Commissioner Wagel

Roll call vote carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Maintenance Director Dave Dickey introduced his new employee Ryan Williams a lifelong resident of Cass County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, that the following items with a correction to the date on the meeting minutes of December 1st, 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 December 2, 2016 (M-162-16)

Resolution to approve the recommendation of the Salary Committee-2017 and 2018 Board of Commissioner salaries(R-163-16)

Resolution to approve the recommendation of the Salary Committee-2017 Elected Officials Salaries(R-164-16)

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Salary Committee-2017 salary adjustments for Non-Union Employees

Approval of the December 1, 2016 Regular meeting minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(0): None.

Absent(1): Commissioner Wagel

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Marchetti offered committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Folks offered the administrator's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Angie Steinman offered the financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Treasurer Linda Pruett reminded the board of the County Christmas Party on Friday.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Williamson informed the visitors that the board was going into a closed session next, but there would be no further business conducted afterwards.

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Board entered into closed session at 8:01 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register