

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

March 19, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy 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: Administrator Roger Fraser, Finance Director Angie Steinman and Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Wagel, to approve the March 19, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR DEPUTY RICHARD HISCOCK
OF THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock started his law enforcement career as a Reserve with the Cass County Sheriff's Office in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock worked part-time in the Cass County Jail, Marine Division, and with the Animal Control Office in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock received certification as a Dive Rescue Specialist (non-diver); and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock became a full-time Dispatcher in September 1993 with the Cass County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock transferred to the Cass County Jail as a full-time Corrections Officer in June 1994; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock transferred to Dispatch in November 1994; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock and his Dog Shadow, were certified in tracking and narcotic detection; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock completed the Police Training Academy and became a Deputy Sheriff for road patrol division in June 1998; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock received his certification for Open Water Diver in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock was presented with a Life Saving Award in April 2000; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock was assigned to the SWET / local drug team as a Detective in June, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock returned to the road patrol in June, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock became a Detective in January 2004; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock passed his Basic EMT and Intermediate EMT training in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock became a trained Medical Examiner Investigator in April 2007; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock returned to Road Patrol Deputy in January 2008; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock became a certified Paramedic in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hiscock is a Meth Lab Tech and a member of the County Warrant Service Team; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges the dedication to the citizens of Cass County through his services with the Cass County Sheriff's Office and congratulates him on his twenty-five years of service, and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors upon retirement from the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-21-15 carried by roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak 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-22-15) A motion approving Claims dated 3/13/15

(M-23-15) A Motion by the Insurance Committee, comprised of members from all of the entities insured through our fund, asking the Cass County Commissioners to approve, adopt and implement the following recommendations and action plan:

- (1) Change our insurance consultant from Brown & Brown Insurance to Rose Street Advisors for the entities insured through our fund (Cass County, Council on Aging, Medical Care Facility and Woodlands);
 - a. Have our consultant find out what opportunities are available to us;
 - b. Ask what value added services our consultant will provide to us;
 - c. 24/7 claims service is an important component;
 - d. Employee education is important;
 - e. Exploring wellness programming and costs of implementation should be a priority;
 - f. Explore a clinic and the costs of setting up a clinic;
- (2) It is critical to get employee buy in, input and participation in insurance decision-making and insurance usage and to facilitate the same
 - a. There needs to be complete transparency—employees should be aware of what decisions are made and why decisions were made;
 - b. The Committee has created a survey to go out to employees to find out what their concerns are—what they like and what they don't like (and this should be done in the future on a yearly basis to gauge employee's concerns and needs);
 - c. Educational sessions and meetings need to be held on multiple dates and at multiple locations to open up dialogue with our employees not only about what

insurance options there are out there but also how employees can be a partner in their health care management to keep costs down for everyone;

- d. The Insurance Committee should continue to exist and be a part of insurance decision-making process moving forward.
- (3) Every year, an analysis should be done regarding 80/20, the hard cap or opting out to determine the best option and then a recommendation should be made to the Commissioners by the Insurance Committee.
- (4) Meetings should be scheduled by the Insurance Committee to incorporate all stakeholders in the annual health insurance decision-making process as we move forward taking into consideration the time-lines we have to accomplish our tasks.

(R-24-15) Resolution – Dodd Park River Trail Development Project

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners and the Cass County Parks and Recreation Commission are dedicated to the improvement of parks, tourism and recreation facilities in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Dodd Memorial County Park has shown great potential for recreation development in Cass County throughout its existence; and

WHEREAS, facility improvements will encourage growth and revenue potential through year around use from diverse user groups from Cass County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has in the past and will continue to be a proven method for funding of facility improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners in a cooperative effort with the Cass County Parks and Recreation Commission pledge their support in the funding effort for the Dodd Park River Trail Development Project at Arthur Dodd Memorial County Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners **HEREBY AUTHORIZES SUBMISSION OF A MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPLICATION FOR \$277,500.00 AND FURTHER RESOLVES TO MAKE AVAILABLE ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATION AMOUNT OF \$97,500.00 (26%) OF A TOTAL \$375,500.00 PROJECT COST, DURING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.**

(M-25-15) A motion to approve the following appointments to the Transportation Authority:

Appoint Vicki Vaughn as the representative from the Department of Human Services Board and Becky Moore as the representative from Southwestern Michigan College.

Approval of the March 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti and File furnished committee reports.

7:15 - PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Williamson opened the public hearing on the MDNR Grant Application for Arthur Dodd Park.

Pete Fournier explained the Road Commission plans to put in another boat launch while performing work on a nearby bridge. He also stated that the Road Commission fully supports the parks plan for Arthur Dodd Park.

With no additional public comment, Chair Williamson closed the public hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Ziliak, Dyes, Cobb and Williamson relayed committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fraser presented the Administrator's Report. Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard addressed the 2015 Equalization Report and explained it will appear on the April 2nd BOC Agenda for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Wagel, Marchetti and Ziliak offered announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date Bernie Williamson, Chairperson Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register