

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 5, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Bernie Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation. Commissioner Wagel 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 Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the February 5, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Butler, CCIEA President, shared communication from union attorney Christopher Morris that was sent to Doug Callendar, Cass County Attorney, regarding delays in arbitration. Mrs. Butler asked the board to end the blatant disregard for a former employee and county resident by ordering Miller Canfield to move forward with the arbitration.

John Harsh, Ontwa Township resident, addressed the board regarding the Ontwa Township Treatment Plant. He supplied each board member with documentation supporting behind the scenes communication. He then asked the board to request an investigation on what went on with the project.

Debra Troche, former county employee, requested the board address the delay in arbitration and also see that her position was restored.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Wagel, 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:

A motion approving Claims dated 1/16/15 and 1/30/15 **(M-6-15)**

A motion to approve the proposed contract with Miller-Davis for the Courthouse Attic Structural Retrofits with a cost not to exceed \$69,600 **(M-7-15)**

Resolution – Federal Surplus Assistance Program **(M-8-15)**

Approval of January 14, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes and the January 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (1): Commissioner Dyes.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Marchetti, Cobb, Wagel and Williamson furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fraser presented the Administrator's Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Steinman offered the Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Marchetti advised that all board members should have received a County Administrator evaluation form via e-mail. She asked for changes/suggestions to the format.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dyes asked the Chair to discuss the delay in arbitration as requested by Tina Butler and Debra Troche. Chairperson Williamson offered to ask the county attorney if this subject may be discussed in an open meeting. Commissioner Marchetti requested that Miller Canfield provide another attorney so that arbitration may take place.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ziliak, Wagel, Cobb, File, Dyes and Williamson offered announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Feick invited everyone to the First United Methodist Church in Dowagiac for a soup luncheon. The luncheon will take place Wednesday, February 11 from 11:30-1:30. All proceeds will benefit the Fitch Camp in Dowagiac.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to move in to Closed Session with Administrator Fraser and Clerk/Register Kennedy in order to discuss a written communication from the county attorney referencing, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268, Sec. 8 (h), to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:44 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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