

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 17, 2015**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Bernie Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Commissioner Cobb 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, Dwight Dyes, Roseann Marchetti, Bernie Williamson, Robert Ziliak and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Annie File.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Roger Fraser and Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the September 17, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Amended Agenda with M-128-18 removed from the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**RECOGNITION**

Paula Miles of the Conservation District presented Tanya Lily as the Plat Book Photo Cover Winner.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, 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-122-15)** A motion approving Claims dated 9/11/15

**(M-123-15)** A motion to transfer the supervision of the Department of Emergency Management from the County Administrator to the Office of Sheriff.

**(M-124-15)** A motion to approve the following reappointment:  
Reappoint Vicki Vaughn to the Department of Human Services Board for terms ending October 31, 2018.

**(M-125-15)** A motion to approve the purchase of mobile equipment.

**(R-126-15)** Resolution in Support and Authorizing participation in the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (MDARD) Application for Grant Funds under the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Three Dimensional Elevation Program (3DEP) for the Acquisition of Quality Level 2(QL2) Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) Data.

**WHEREAS,** the USGS has announced a grant program for matching and cost sharing associated with the acquisition of LIDAR data under its 3DEP program; and

**WHEREAS,** QL2 LIDAR data will provide communities with the data to produce hyper-accurate topographic contour mapping for GIS based spatial imaging; and

**WHEREAS,** QL2 LIDAR data has significant benefits for planning, roads, floodplain mapping, wildlife and habitat management, recreation, flood modeling, site planning and many other uses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has pledged significant matching funds for the program; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 20 counties in Southern Lower Michigan have expressed interest in participating in the program; and

**WHEREAS,** the broad support between the many interested agencies and local units of government will allow counties to acquire LIDAR data at roughly one-third the cost necessary to singly acquire the data; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost for individual counties to acquire the data and leverage the federal agency matching funds will be \$100 per square mile of territory, or \$54,300. Cass County will use SAW Grant Funds that will be awarded in 2017 for the Cass County match for the LIDAR Grant.

**WHEREAS,** the acquisition of LIDAR data will provide an important data tool for the county's spatial data program at a much reduced cost.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cass County Board of Commissioners requests its inclusion and authorizes its participation in MDARD's application to the USGS' 3DEP grant program;

**SECTION I:** that the Cass County Board Chair is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with MDARD and other partner agencies and governments in filing with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for a grant in the amount of \$54,300 to fund the 3D Elevation Program/National Geospatial Program within the County of Cass.

**SECTION II:** That the Cass County Board Chair is hereby authorized and directed to provide and execute any additional documents, on behalf of the County of Cass, which may be required by the USGS to secure the aforesaid grant.

**SECTION III:** That, should said grant be approved and issued by USGS, the County Board Chair is hereby authorized and directed to accept the same and comply with the conditions of the grant and the funding for the aforesaid project.

**(M-127-15)** A motion to reappoint Tina VanBelle and Marlene Deming to the Board of Canvassers for terms ending October 31, 2019.

**(M-129-15)** A motion to approve emergency wiring repairs with work to be done by Midwest Communications Services, Inc. not to exceed \$7,000.00.

**(M-130-15)** A motion to approve an emergency contract with Com-Tec Security LLC for the CCSO card access system in the amount of \$66,721.00

Approval of the September 3, 2015 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner File.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

**M-128-15**

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the Fraud Policy. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagel asked that language be added detailing that employees sign a document signifying they received training. An amended version will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion failed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti, Cobb, Ziliak and Wagel furnished committee reports.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Fraser provided a written Administrator's Report to board members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no board member comments or announcements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Drain Commissioner Bruce Campbell announced maintenance on the Shavehead Lake Dam. He also reported Lawless Park interpretive trail signs were installed and that the Lawless Park Harvest Fest will take place on October 3rd.

Trustee Jerry Marchetti announced Ontwa Township cleanup from 8 am to 5 pm Friday and 8 am to noon Saturday.

Undersheriff Behnke announced that residents may drop unwanted prescription drugs at participating townships from 10 am until 2 pm on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

