

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

April 2, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 2, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Clerk/Register Monica Kennedy called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Wagel and Roseann Marchetti.

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 Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the April 2, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

Alan Panter of Abraham and Gaffney presented the Comprehensive Annual Audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. Mr. Panter then answered questions from commissioners.

PRESENTATION

Cass/Van Buren Health Department Director Jeff Elliott relayed the Annual Report.

PRESENTATION

Kathy Emans, Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Director, offered the Annual Report.

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-27-15) A motion approving Claims dated 3/27/15

(R-28-15) 2014 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between County of Van Buren and County of Cass has been submitted to the Cass County Board of Commissioners for approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the County of Cass hereby accepts and binds the County of Cass to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and authorizes Bernie Williamson and Roger Fraser to execute the Agreement.

(M-29-15) A motion to approve the purchase of 2015 GMC Terrain AWD SLE-1, VIN#2GKFLVEKXF6199264, from C. Wimberley Automotive Group. The cost of this vehicle, including tags is \$23,511.70.

(M-30-15) A motion to approve the purchase of two copiers for the Friend of the Court Office and the Prosecutor's Office from U.S. Business Systems for at total of \$12,481.20.

(M-31-15) A motion to approve the following reappointment: Reappoint June Blackwell to the Jury Commission for a six year term ending April 30, 2021.

(R-34-15) STATE EQUALIZED VALUES

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has carefully considered the assessment rolls of the several townships of the County, the City of Dowagiac and the City of Niles; and

WHEREAS, Real and Personal Property has been equalized separately by class according to Section 34 of the General Property Tax law as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cass County Board of Commissioners that the attached report be adopted as a just equalization in compliance with Section 211.34 MC. 1948 as amended, and that this report be made part of the permanent record; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorized Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard, as its legal representative, to act on behalf of Cass County in all matters before the State Tax Commission relative to the adoption of the 2015 state equalized values.

Approval of the March 19, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes; March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 20, 2015 BOC Workshop Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Commissioners File, Dyes, Williamson, Ziliak and Cobb.

No (0): None.

Absent (2): Commissioners Wagel and Marchetti.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner File, Ziliak and Williamson furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fraser presented the Administrator's Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Angie Steinman offered the Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

R-32-15

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

WHEREAS, Deputy Jeffrey L. Johnson would like to purchase three (3) years of generic service credit in the MERS retirement program at his cost, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement by and between Teamsters, the Sheriff and the 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 three (3) years of generic service credit to Jeffrey L. Johnson provided that he pay the actuarial cost of \$39,363.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (4): Commissioners Dyes, Williamson, Cobb and File.

No (1): Commissioner Ziliak.

Absent (2): Commissioners Wagel and Marchetti.

Resolution R-32-15 carried by roll call vote.

M-33-15

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to approve the FY2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Federal Awards portion defined in the Supplementary Information to Financial Statements. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners File and Ziliak offered announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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