

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

April 7, 2016

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation. Commissioner File led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Deputy Clerk/Register Amanda Smego 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: Finance Director Angie Steinman and Deputy Clerk/Register Amanda Smego.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the April 7, 2016 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda with the removal of **R-48-16** from the consent agenda to vote on separately and add **M-49-16** Motion to Rescind the Contract with Equalization. Motion to approve agenda as amended carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Meyaard gave an update on the Equalization Report. He has to give Howard Township a Factor to Residential class and this is going to increase property taxes by 9.9%. \$14 million is being added to the assessment roll. He is not sure if residents are aware of this increase since it is up to the assessor to inform, but it will appear on their June tax bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File, 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-47-16) A motion to approve Claims dated 3/11/16

(M-35-16) A motion to amend the Cass County Mission Statement to read as follows:

Cass County Government exists to deliver fair, efficient, accessible and high quality services dedicated to the public good.

(M-36-16) A motion to adopt the following Cass County Vision Statement:

Cass County strives to be a place of thriving and vibrant communities and a place where people can live, work and play in a welcoming environment.

(M-44-16) A motion to establish budget – Medical Marijuana Operation Grant
The Grant is supported by the money generated by patients purchasing cards. This will allow law enforcement to provide training to cardholders and the public to know their legal rights and to also update body cameras and video storage. A full grant application is available upon request.

(M-45-16) A Motion to approve Marcellus Village Law Enforcement Agreement
This is an annual project. The Village has a mileage that helps support the Agreement and this provides for a 7-day operation.

Approval of the March 17, 2016 Regular meeting minutes and the March 22, 2016 Special meeting.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

Commissioner Zililak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, that the following Resolution **R-48-16** be approved:

R-48-16

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 10-16, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has established an Animal Control Department that employs four full time and two part-time Animal Control Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officers are responsible for enforcing State Laws and Cass County Ordinances related to animals; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officers are professionals that provide the essential community functions of enforcing Animal Control laws and protecting the community from diseases such as rabies and ensuring the safety of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control Officers devote huge amounts of time and resources while serving the public to protect the welfare of helpless animals and pets that are rescued from injury, disease, abuse and starvation; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control Officers respond to numerous complaints and have contributed to the conviction of animal abusers; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officers show compassion, understanding and professionalism while performing their daily duties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 10-16, 2016 to be National Animal Control Officer Appreciation week in Cass County in honor of the Cass County Animal Control Officers for their crucial role in the protection of the lives and safety of the animals and the citizens of Cass County.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None

The Resolution carried by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ziliak had the Animal Control Officers stand for recognition and appreciation. Mike Grice has been with Animal Control for 41 years, Ron Butts 24 years, Robin Rowe 15 years, Dustin Bates 5 years, and Lauren Schick 9 months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Wagel, Ziliak and Williamson furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Finance Director/Deputy Administrator Angie Steinman provided a written Administrator's Report. Blue Cross Blue Shield and 4D Pharmacy will be on site for questions on April 20, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Williamson explained two separated contracts that she had on Equalization. If approved by the Board, she will meet with Union President Tina Butler again to make sure CCEIA is in agreement. Copies of the contracts have already been emailed to Tina.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner File to adopt M-49-16, two contracts for Equalization, one with Roger Evers for \$55,000 and the other with Nathan Brousseau and Kyle Harris for \$90,000. Commissioner Dyes stated that both Nathan and Kyle work for the same corporation and it is a conflict. Commissioner Wagel said he is not comfortable approving a contract without first having the Union's signature and further, it should be on the top of the agenda, not brought up at the end, or last minute. Commissioner Wagel asked that this be tabled to next meeting. Commissioner Marchetti asked Roger McEvers to address the Board. Roger indicated that individuals are certified, not corporations.

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Marchetti, to table Motion **M-49-16** and operate under the current arrangement during the time being.

Chair Williamson will forward the contract to Heather Fricke and be in contact with her.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None

The Motion to table carried by roll call vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ziliak provided 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 8:15p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

Amanda Smego, Deputy Clerk/Register