

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 18, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Bernie Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti 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 Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to approve the May 21, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda as amended with items M-64-15 and M-65-15 removed from the consent agenda to appear for a separate vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to enter in to the Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation. Motion carried by voice vote. There was no comment at the public hearing. Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Clements, Professor of Political Science at Western Michigan University, introduced himself and explained that he plans to run for Congress. Anyone may contact him via email at paulclements@charter.net.

PRESENTATION

County Treasurer Linda Pruett presented the forfeiture report. Treasurer Pruett recommended no transfer to the General Fund in order to reserve the available cash pending the Court of Appeals Case regarding a property foreclosed on March 31, 2014.

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-61-15 A motion to approve claims dated 6/5/15.

M-62-15 A motion to approve FY2016 Community Corrections Plan.

M-63-15 A motion to approve the following appointment and reappointments:
Appoint Barbara Burton and reappoint Ron McAdam and Alan Palmer to the Historical Commission, all for three year terms ending July 1, 2018.

R-66-15 2015 TAX RATE

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of Cass County Board of Commissioners to authorize the levy of the county's millage rate for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the county millage is affected by P.A. 5 of 1982, Truth in Taxation, and could limit the county to 6.191 mills which could result in a tax dollar shortfall of \$317,657; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasury has notified Cass County on monies to be received under the Convention Facility Liquor Tax of \$260,774 and Health and Safety fund Act Revenue of \$0 for a total of \$260,774 which without a truth in taxation public hearing further reduces the county millage rate to 6.0597 mills due to P.A. 5 of 1982 and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the qualified authority to levy a maximum of 6.2200 mills, which includes 4.6359 allocated mills, 0.4805 mills for Drug Enforcement, 0.9036 mills for Council on Aging and 0.2000 mills for E-911 service; and

WHEREAS, the county can levy the full millage rate of 6.2200 only after fulfilling the public hearing requirements of P.A. 5 of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners did hold a Truth in Taxation public hearing on June 18, 2015 for the purposes of PA 5 of 1982; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after much deliberation and consideration of the county's budgetary needs for 2015, the Cass County Board of Commissioners have decided, in the best interest of the county, to levy 6.0200 mills, which is 4.6359 allocated mills, 0.4805 mills for Drug Enforcement, 0.9036 mills for Council on Aging and 0.2000 mills for E-911 service.

Approval of the June 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

M-64-15

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the roofing proposal for the Historical Courthouse with Miller-Davis with a projected budget range of \$100,000-\$110,000. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagel requested a roll call vote.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (2): Commissioners Dyes and Wagel

Motion M-64-15 carried by roll call vote.

M-65-15

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the Construction Consultation Services Proposal from Miller-Davis for potential renovations to the Historic Courthouse. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagel requested a roll call vote.

The Chair requested the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (2): Commissioners Dyes and Wagel.

Motion M-65-15 carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Ziliak, Cobb and Marchetti furnished committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Fraser presented the Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

R-67-15

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

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ACT 152 COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011 regulates the amounts local units of government contribute to the cost of employee health care; and

WHEREAS, a local government may choose to adopt either Hard Caps, which are maximum amounts allowed for each type of health insurance coverage offered, or an 80/20 cost share with which the employer pays no more than 80% of the total cost of medical benefit plans; and

WHEREAS, PA 152 also provides local units with the option to annually exempt itself from either of those two previously listed choices, which the Cass County Board of Commissioners did for the current plan year; and

WHEREAS, terms of existing collective bargaining agreements require that the County provide a notice of health insurance contribution amounts 60 days prior to the beginning of a new plan year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 80/20 health care cost sharing option as provided in PA 152 to be effective with the new plan year starting in September, 2015.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Resolution R-67-15 carried by roll call vote.

R-69-15

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

Adopting a Health Insurance Plan for the 15-16 Plan Year

WHEREAS, health insurance is an important component of the compensation plan offered to County employees, and

WHEREAS, the cost of health insurance has increased dramatically in the last several years, and

WHEREAS, with the current plan year, the County began offering a lower-cost, Blue Cross Blue Shield plan called Simply Blue as the base plan for which monthly costs are paid 20% by the employees and 80% by the County, and

WHEREAS, employees can opt for a higher cost plan for which the employee would pay 100% of the difference in cost between the base plan and the higher cost plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appointed an Insurance Committee to consider and recommend improvements to our health insurance plan, and

WHEREAS, Rose Street Advisors, the County's health care advisors, recommend the use of three alternative plans for the new plan year with Simply Blue (Plan G) as the base plan with two alternatives, existing plan E and a new high deductible plan F, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has considered the recommendations of the Insurance Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners authorizes the 2015-2016 employee health insurance plan to include three plan offerings; Plan G (simply blue), existing Plan E and the new Plan F, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (*pick from below*)

Alt 1 _____ that Plan G (simply blue) will be the base plan for which the employer and the employee costs will be split 80/20; employees may opt for Plan E or Plan F but must pay 100% of the increased cost for Plan E or Plan F, or

Alt 2 _____ the monthly costs for all three plans will be split 80/20, or

Alt 3 _____ add to Alt 2, if an employee's spouse is carried on the County's health insurance while the spouse is eligible for reasonable health insurance coverage as determined by the County's healthcare advisors, a monthly surcharge of \$75 would be added to the employee's health care rate.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to amend the alternate three to read: if an employee's spouse is carried on the County's health insurance while the spouse is eligible for **reasonable** health insurance coverage with the spouse's employer **as determined by health care advisors**, a monthly surcharge of \$75 would be added to the employee's health care rate. Motion to amend alternate three carried by voice vote.

Chair Williamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to amend alternate three to add: In addition, a spouse must complete the move to outside insurance at his/her first open enrollment following Cass County's effective date 9/1/2015, or begin paying as specified. Discussion followed. Motion to amend alternate three a second time carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to adopt Resolution R-69-15 with alternates two and three, including amendments.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (1): Commissioner Ziliak.

Resolution R-69-15 carried by roll call vote.

M-70-14

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to decline the purchase of tax reverted properties as presented by Cass County Treasurer Linda Pruett. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dyes offered a comment and went on to request a report on legal fees incurred by the county. Commissioners Marchetti, Cobb and Wagel provided comments.

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 8:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Bernie Williamson, Chairperson

Monica Kennedy, Clerk/Register