

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 19, 2015

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 19, 2015 in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Bernie Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Cobb 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: 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 Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Wagel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the February 19, 2015 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Marcehetti, 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 2/13/15 (M-10-15)

Approval of February 5, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Dyes, File, Cobb and Ziliak furnished a committee report.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Williamson passed out a spreadsheet with the 2015 committee appointments. Commissioner Williamson explained the specifics of the spreadsheet and asked the Board to look it over and let her know of changes, if any. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ziliak offered board member comments. Administrator Fraser informed the Board that the section for the Administrator's Report had been left out of the agenda. However, he did have a report to pass out and told them to look it over and let him know if they had any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ziliak, to move to Closed Session with Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Harding, Drain Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Parks Director Scott Wyman, Treasurer Linda Pruett, Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard, Administrator Fraser and Finance Director Steinman in order to discuss potential land acquisition.

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 7:34 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Ziliak moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to move to Closed Session with Administrator Fraser and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Harding for the purpose of the Administrator/Controller Evaluation.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m.

At this time Administrator Fraser addressed the Board regarding his contract. He passed out a memo and began explaining that his contract allows for him to do as he pleases with respect to his employees. He feels that the Board is undermining his authority with regard to this. He gave an example with respect to this evening in the Committee of the Whole. He put the Parks Department resolution on the agenda and it was argued that he went about asking for this in the wrong way. He feels that he has gone about the situation the right way, and that perhaps the Board gets misinformation when interacting with employees. Discussion followed regarding phone calls from employees/constituents regarding decisions that Administrator Fraser has made. It was also discussed that perhaps when these calls occur the employee/constituent should be directed to Administrator Fraser with concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date Bernie Williamson, Chairperson Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register