

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 6, 2020

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Cass County Commission Chambers.

Chair Roseann Marchetti called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Cobb provided the Invocation. Commissioner Ausra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

Commissioners Present (7): Annie File, Michael Grice, E. Clark Cobb, Roseann Marchetti, Robert Benjamin, Terry Ausra and Dwight Dyes.

Commissioners Absent (0): None

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda with the addition of item 7 under New Business- Selection of Road Commission Board Member. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, 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-21-20

Motion to approve the January 23, 2020 Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting minutes.

There was no discussion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes(7): Commissioners: File, Grice, Cobb, Marchetti, Dyes, Ausra and Benjamin.

No(0): Commissioners: None.

The consent agenda passed by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Dyes, Marchetti and Cobb offered committee reports.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Marchetti advised that the Appointments Committee will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen offered the Administrator's Report. He also informed the board that demolition has begun on the Historical Courthouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M-8-20

M-9-20

M-10-20

M-11-20

Commissioner Ausra wanted clarification on the terms in this motion. Chair Marchetti informed the board that the term end dates were calculated incorrectly when the motion was first voted on. Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to amend motions M-8-20, M-9-20, M-10-20 and M-11-20 to terms ending December 31, 2021. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

M-22-20

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to approve the purchase of a copier for Friend of the Court from US Business Systems at a cost of \$9,680.95 to be paid from 101-258-975.072. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-23-20

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to appoint Michael Grice to the Kinexus Board for a term ending December 31, 2020. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-24-20

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to table the motion to approve the agreement for FOP-Animal Control. Commissioner Benjamin asked what the purpose of tabling the motion was. Chair Marchetti informed him was to get clarification before approval. There was no further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-25-20

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the creation of a temporary Clerk position for Boards and Commissions. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-26-20

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve a budgeted purchase and equipping of three 2020 Ford Explorer Utility vehicles from C. Wimberley in the amount of \$108,495.00 to be paid out of the Motor Pool Fund. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

R-27-20

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF CASS, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Current County of Cass Wage and Salary Administration Policy (3/17/05) provides that the County Administrator may approve Step level hiring at the midpoint of Paygrades and;

WHEREAS, The County is currently conducting a classification and compensation system evaluation, likely to change a variety of Position Grades and;

WHEREAS, In a number of recent cases there have been no Qualified Applicants for County Positions either internal from County Service or external from the community, or applicants have been unwilling to accept the midpoint range in the Grade and Step, and;

WHEREAS, This is likely a temporary circumstance due to effective Full employment in our region and the need for Classification and Compensation updates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that thru December 31, 2020 The County Administrator is Authorized to make “full use” of the Step range levels when A Department Head or Elected Official he/she determines it is necessary and in the County’s interest to attract and maintain an acceptable level of talent. And further, in every instance of such use, The Administrator will notify the Board of Commissioners by providing a copy of the County Employee Status Change Form together with a Memorandum explaining the necessity.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF February, 2020

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes(7): Commissioners: Grice, Cobb, Marchetti, Dyes, Ausra, Benjamin and File.

No(0): Commissioners: None.

Resolution R-27-20 passed by roll call vote.

M-28-20

Chair Marchetti started off by saying how “impressed” she was by all of the applicants. Commissioner Benjamin agreed that most of them were good applicants and he would like someone from the northern region of the county. All of the Commissioners agreed with Commissioner Benjamin with regard to the region they would like to see the next Road Commissioner be from. Chair Marchetti asked for their choice.

Benjamin: Marty Kleva
Ausra: Marty Kleva
Dyes: Marty Kleva
Cobb: Andy Schilling
Grice: Marty Kleva
File: Marty Kleva
Marchetti: Marty Kleva

Commissioner Benjamin moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Marty Kleva to the Cass County Road Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Candidate for the 59th District State Representative, Steve Carra, introduced himself to the board. Sheriff Behnke informed the board that there had been some big situations within the county that have been meth related and wanted to remind the board that the Cass County Drug Enforcement Team millage is up this year. He also told everyone in attendance that on April 17th the Cass County All Stars are will play at Ross Beatty High School against Detroit Lions football players. Tickets are available now. Ron Butts Cass County Animal Control Director reminded the board of the rabies clinics this month.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Benjamin, Ausra, Dyes, Marchetti, Cobb, Grice and File made board member comments/announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Roseann Marchetti, Chair

Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk