

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 6, 2023

The Cass County Board of Commissioners gathered for a special meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ryan Laylin, James Lawrence, Joyce Locke, Jeremiah Jones, Mary Howie, Samuel Barrera, Roseann Marchetti and RJ Lee.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Matthew Newton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Howie moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to approve the April 6, 2023, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-47-23

Sheriff Behnke explained that the grant was an earmark approved in the state budget. He went on to share that he secured a marine patrol boat at a significantly low rate. He planned to use the balance of grant money to purchase engines and additional equipment for marine patrol boats.

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

A RESOLUTION TO COMMIT MATCHING FUNDS FOR MEDC GRANT FOR MARINE PATROL WATERCRAFT

WHEREAS, the Cass County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for the purchase of watercraft for Marine Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the grant was awarded in conjunction with Berrien County for \$200,000.00, with \$100,000.00 being available for each county's use; and

WHEREAS, Cass County shall serve as the fiduciary for the grant and will receive and distribute funds for both Cass County and Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 10% matching contribution from each participating County; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget including the matching contribution will provide \$110,000.00 towards the purchase of Marine Patrol watercraft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cass County Board of Commissioners to approve the MEDC Watercraft Grant and commit \$10,000.00 in matching funds as required under the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve corresponding FY 23 Budget amendments attached as Exhibit A.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (8): Commissioners Laylin, Lawrence, Locke, Jones, Howie, Barrera, Marchetti and Lee.

No (0): None.

Resolution R-47-23 carried by roll call vote.

M-48-23

Commissioner Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Barrera, to approve the purchase of Pioneer Boat 202 Islander from Avalanche Motorsports at a cost not to exceed \$72,697.00, including transportation. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Laylin, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register