

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 21, 2020

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2020 via Zoom.

Chair Marchetti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Cobb provided the Invocation.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Ausra, Annie File, Skip Dyes, Mike Grice, Roseann Marchetti, Robert Benjamin and E. Clark Cobb.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen and Clerk/Register Monica McMichael.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the May 21, 2020 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, 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-61-20) A motion to approve Claims dated May 15, 2020.

(M-62-20) A motion to approve the May 7, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen provided the Administrator's Report.

SHERIFF BEHNKE PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Sheriff Behnke updated commissioners on the calls for service, the number of animals housed at Animal Control, and reported the jail housed 38 inmates at that point in time.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

Treasurer Hope Anderson and Prosecutor Victor Fitz provided updates on their offices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update: Chair Marchetti shared statistics provided by the Van Buren/Cass Health Department as follows: 68 positive cases, 2 deaths and 23 recoveries in Cass County.

NEW BUSINESS

M-63-20

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to appoint Michael McShane to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-64-20

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to appoint Jeremiah Jones to the Veterans' Advisory Committee for a 4-year term ending March 31, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-65-20

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve Chiller repairs at the Law and Courts Building with work to be completed by Trane Commercial Systems and Services at a cost of \$19,362.00, to be paid out of line item 245-244-975.099. Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

Motion M-65-20 carried by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Pioch provided an update on the Michigan State University Extension Office as well as the Cass County Fair (no decision on how the 2020 Fair will take place).

Penn Township Resident Ron McAdam requested the number of individuals tested overall for COVID. He went on to ask if the county received an update on the project budget shortfall. Finally, he thanked everyone for their efforts in conducting remote meetings.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Marchetti stated the county hoped to recognize local high school valedictorian and salutatorians in July or August, if the board was able to meet in person.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Roseann Marchetti, Chairperson

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register