

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 1, 2023

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Commission Chambers.

Chair Jeremiah Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Marchetti provided the Invocation. Commissioner Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Howie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the June 1, 2023, Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda. Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to amend the agenda to remove M-88-23 from the consent agenda to appear under New Business. Motion to amend the agenda carried by voice vote. Motion to approve the agenda as amended carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION

M-82-23

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to open the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-83-23

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Laylin, to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS ANNEXATION HEARING

M-84-23

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to open the Village of Marcellus Annexation Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote. Village of Marcellus Clerk Jacqueline Terrill was present to field questions.

M-85-23

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to close the Village of Marcellus Annexation Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lee, 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-86-23) Motion to approve the claims dated May 12, 2023 and May 26, 2023

(M-87-23) Motion to approve the May 4, 2023 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

(M-89-23) Motion to approve the FY24 Community Corrections Application and Plan

(R-90-23) Resolution approving 2023 L-4029 Tax Rate Request

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of Cass County Board of Commissioners to authorize the levy of the county's millage rate for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the county millage is not affected by M.C.L. Section 211.34d, Headlee Rollback, authorizing the County to levy 6.7255 mills for 2023 and;

WHEREAS, the State Treasury has notified Cass County on monies to be received under the Convention Facility Liquor Tax of \$203,934 and Health and Safety Fund Act Revenue of \$0 for a total of \$203,934 which further reduces the county millage rate to 6.3091 mills due to M.C.L. Section 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982 and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to levy a maximum of 6.7255 mills, which includes 4.5702 Allocated mills, 0.9858 mill for Council on Aging, 0.4751 allocated mill for Drug Enforcement, 0.4944 mill for Cass County Medical Care Facility and 0.2000 mill for E-911 Emergency Dispatch and;

WHEREAS, the county can levy the full millage rate of 6.7255 only after fulfilling the public requirements of M.C.L. Section 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982 and;

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has fulfilled the requirements of M.C.L. 211.34d and P.A. 5 of 1982.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after much deliberation and consideration of the county's budgetary needs for 2023, the Cass County Board of Commissioners has decided, in the best interest of the county, to levy 6.4255 mills, which is 4.5702 Allocated mills, 0.9858 mill for Council on Aging, 0.1751 mill for Drug Enforcement, 0.4944 mill for Cass County Medical Care Facility and 0.2000 mill for E-911 Emergency Dispatch.

(M-91-23) Motion to approve Broadband Mapping proposal from DCS Technology Design, LLC

(R-92-23) – Resolution recognizing June as Reunification Month

WHEREAS, all children need the love, care, security, and stability of a family unit, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity;

WHEREAS, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care;

WHEREAS, for most children in foster care, reunification with their family is the best option for a permanent and loving home;

WHEREAS, safe reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, and the community;

WHEREAS, National Reunification Month has been observed every June since 2010 to celebrate families and communities coming together to acknowledge the hard work to safely reunify a family, and to raise awareness about the importance of family reunification to children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, during National Reunification Month this year, we recognize the vital role that families, case management teams, treatment courts, judges, attorneys, and communities play in promoting the safe and stable reunification of families who have been separated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners recognizes and designates June as Reunification Month in Cass County.

(M-93-23) – Motion to approve FY23 budget amendments

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COUNTY PARTNERS

None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Drain Commissioner Jeff VanBelle and Chief Judge Carol Bealor shared department updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Silver Creek Poultry Farm: Chair Jones informed commissioners that there were no new developments since the topic was discussed at the previous Committee of the Whole. The Chair then verified with Parliamentarian Lee that a motion to postpone or table was not necessary in order to discuss the subject at a future meeting. A resident in the public area then shared that the deadline to appeal had been extended. Chair Jones thanked them and informed the public that the extension to appeal allowed the board to take action at the next Committee of the Whole, if need be.

M-88-23

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Village of Marcellus Annexation Petition. Motion carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Jones informed public attendees that the board would conduct no business other than board member comments and announcements after the closed session.

Vice-Chair Laylin moved, seconded by Commissioner Marchetti, to enter closed session to consider periodic personnel evaluation of County Administrator Newton pursuant to MCL 15.268(A) and to include Clerk/Register McMichael and Administrator Newton.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The meeting moved to closed session at 5:21 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:08 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Marchetti, Barrera and Lawrence offered comments or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Howie moved, seconded by Commissioner Locke, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Chair Jeremiah Jones

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register