The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Marchetti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Cobb provided the Invocation. Commissioner Grice led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State of America.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael called roll:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: E. Clark Cobb.

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

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the July 16, 2020 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Agenda with the removal of M-92-10 and the addition of R-101-20. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried by voice vote.

RECOGNITIONS

None.

PRESENTATION

None.
CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, 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-91-20) A motion to approve the July 2, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners File, Grice, Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes and Benjamin.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Cobb.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner File offered a committee report.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Marchetti announced that the Appointments Committee Meetings resulted in the numerous appointments on the July 16, 2020 Agenda. She asked Commissioners Dyes and File to set another meeting for the Appointments Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chair Marchetti informed commissioners that the Financial Report was included in the packet. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Benjamin moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to amend the agenda to add item M-102-20 under New Business. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Jeff Carmen provided the Administrator's Report.

RON BUTTS PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Ron Butts shared a PowerPoint presentation (see attachment) to share statistics and information on Cass County Animal Control.
ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE

Treasurer Hope Anderson provided details on the 2020 Tax Reverted Properties. The public auction will take place on September 15, 2020.

Chief Judge Dobrich provided an update on the Cass County Courts System.

Clerk/Register Monica McMichael offered an update on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 UPDATE

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department Director Jeff Elliott and Deputy Health Officer Danielle Persky discussed the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and answered questions from board members and Administrator Carmen.

NEW BUSINESS

M-93-20

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to appoint James Dodd to the Solid Waste Planning Commission for a two-year term ending July 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-94-20

Commissioner Marchetti moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to appoint Linda Preston to the Solid Waste Planning Commission for a two-year term ending June 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-95-20

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to appoint Jeanne Jourdan to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for an unexpired term ending March 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-96-20

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to appoint Clint Roach to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for a three-year term ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

M-97-20

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to approve an adjustment of term of appointment to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for Michael Grice
Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve an adjustment of term of appointment to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for Dwight Dyes to expire on March 31, 2021 rather than March 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-98-20**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve an adjustment of term of appointment to the Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network Board for Dwight Dyes to expire on March 31, 2021 rather than March 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

**R-99-20**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020**

WHEREAS, the County of Cass, State of Michigan (the “County”), previously issued its $3,430,000 Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2007, dated October 17, 2007 (the “Prior Bonds”), under the provisions of Section 18c of Act 51, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended (“Act 51”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County has received a request to proceed with the refunding of the Prior Bonds from the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Iron (the “Road Commission”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners determines that it is in the best interest of the County to refund all or a portion of the Prior Bonds to achieve debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, the Revised Municipal Finance Act (“Act 34”), permits the County to authorize, within limitations which shall be contained in the authorization resolution of the governing body, an officer to sell and deliver and receive payment for obligations, approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures necessary to complete the transaction authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to authorize the Managing Director of the Road Commission, the County Administrator and the Finance Director (each, an “Authorized Officer”) to sell, deliver and receive payment for the proposed issue of refunding bonds without the necessity of the Board of County Commissioners taking further action prior to sale and delivery of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall be designated MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020 (the “Bonds”), and are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed $1,650,000, as finally determined by
an Authorized Officer upon the sale thereof, for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and paying costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of bonds registered as to principal and interest of the denomination of $5,000 or multiples of $5,000 not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of that maturity, or alternatively, may consist of a single-instrument, non-convertible bond, as determined at the time of sale. The Bonds will be dated as of the date of delivery, or such other date as determined by an Authorized Officer, and mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on such dates and/or years as shall be determined at the time of sale and in the amounts as determined by an Authorized Officer. The Bonds shall mature on October 1 in the years 2021 to 2026, inclusive, or such other dates as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined upon negotiated sale thereof, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, first payable on April 1, 2021 or such date as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale, provided that the interest rate per annum on the Bonds shall not exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum. The Bonds shall be sold at a price not less than 98% of their par value. The Bonds may be issued as serial bonds or term bonds or both and may be subject to mandatory or optional redemption prior to maturity, or both, as determined at the time of sale.

Interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The record date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the County to conform to market practice in the future. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable at a Michigan bank or trust company to be selected by an Authorized Officer at the time of the sale of the Bonds as registrar and transfer agent for the Bonds (the “Transfer Agent”), provided that in the event that the Bonds are purchased by a single institutional investor the County Treasurer may act as the Transfer Agent.

2. The Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through the Depository Trust Company in New York, New York (“DTC”) and an Authorized Officer is authorized to execute such custodial or other agreement with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book-entry-only form and to make such changes in the bond form within the parameters of this resolution as may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

3. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk and shall have the seal of the County, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond signed by facsimile signature shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent.

4. For the purpose of providing moneys to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and in accordance with the provisions of Section 18c of Act 51, there is hereby irrevocably appropriated sufficient of the moneys received, and to be received, by the Board of County Road Commissioners from the Michigan Transportation Fund. The Board of County Road Commissioners is hereby directed during each year that while any of the principal of and interest on the Bonds remains outstanding and unpaid to set aside and allocate into an account to be designated CASS COUNTY MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING
BONDS, SERIES 2020 DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the “Debt Retirement Fund”), sufficient moneys received during each year from the Michigan Transportation Fund pursuant to law to pay the next maturing installment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Pursuant to the authorization of Section 18c of Act 51, and as additional security for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Board does hereby agree on behalf of the County that in the event the funds pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds are at any time insufficient to pay the same as they severally become due, the County Treasurer shall advance sufficient moneys from the general funds of the County to make up the deficiency, reimbursement for any such advance to be made from the first subsequent revenues received by the Road Commission from the Michigan Transportation Fund not pledged or required to be set aside and used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or other bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness.

In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided in this resolution.

5. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and to secure payment of all or a portion of the Prior Bonds as provided in this section. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. Any net original issue premium received on sale and delivery of the Bonds shall be deposited in the appropriate account consistent with State and federal law, and if required by State or federal law, may be used to reduce the principal amount of Bonds issued, determined at the time of sale. From the proceeds of the Bonds there shall next be set aside a sum sufficient to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds in a fund designated 2020 BOND ISSUANCE FUND (the “2020 Bond Issuance Fund”), which may be established by the County or by the Escrow Agent (hereinafter defined). Moneys in the 2020 Bond Issuance Fund shall be used solely to pay expenses of issuance of the Bonds. Any amounts remaining in the 2020 Bond Issuance Fund after payment of issuance expenses shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds.

The balance of the proceeds of the Bonds, together with other available funds of the County, if any, shall be deposited in an escrow fund (the “Escrow Fund”) consisting of cash and investments in direct obligations of or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing (the “Escrow Securities”) and used to pay the principal of and interest on all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Escrow Fund shall be held in trust by a Michigan bank or trust company eligible to act as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”), pursuant to an escrow agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”) which shall irrevocably direct the transfer agent for the Refunded Bonds to take all necessary steps to pay the principal of, interest and redemption
premium, if any, on the Refunded Bonds when due, and to call the Refunded Bonds for redemption on the first date such Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption. An Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to appoint an Escrow Agent and negotiate and execute the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the County. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and investments and income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds when due at maturity or call for redemption as required by this section. Following establishment of the Escrow Fund, any amounts remaining in the debt retirement funds for the Refunded Bonds shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. An Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to purchase or cause to be purchased, Escrow Securities, including United States Treasury Obligations – State and Local Government Series (SLGS), in an amount sufficient to fund the Escrow Fund.

6. Bond Form. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such changes as may be required to conform to the final terms of the Bonds established at the time of sale:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CASS

MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2020

Interest Rate: ______%
Maturity Date: October 1, ______
Date of Original Issue: ____________, 2020
CUSIP: ______

Registered Owner: ____________________________

Principal Amount: ____________________________ Dollars

The COUNTY OF CASS, State of Michigan (the “County”), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date [specified above] [set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof], [unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided,] with interest thereon (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on ___________ 1, 20__ and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable [at the _____________ office of _______________, _______, Michigan,] [by the County Treasurer] or such other paying agent as the County may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date (the “Transfer Agent”). Interest on this bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the County kept by the Transfer Agent by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the registered owner of record at the registered address. For the prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged.

Pursuant to the authorization of Section 18c of Act 51, and as additional security for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Board of County Commissioners has agreed on behalf of the County that in the event the funds pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds are at any time insufficient to pay the same as they severally become due, the County Treasurer shall advance sufficient moneys from the general funds of the County to make up the deficiency, reimbursement for any such advance to be made from the first subsequent revenues received by the Road Commission from the Michigan Transportation Fund not
pledged or required to be set aside and used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or other bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness.


This bond and the interest hereon are payable primarily from funds received, and to be received, by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County from the Michigan Transportation Fund pursuant to law, said fund being a special fund in the State Treasury wherein taxes imposed by law upon gasoline or other motor fuels and on certain motor vehicles and certain other taxes are required by law to be set aside as collected, and the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of this bond irrevocably appropriates sufficient of said moneys to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on this bond when due. In the event the funds pledged for the payment of this bond are for any reason insufficient to pay the principal of and interest thereon when due, the County Treasurer of the County is obligated to advance sufficient moneys from the general funds of the County to make up such deficiency.

This bond is not a general obligation of the State of Michigan.

[Bonds of this issue [maturing in the years 202_ to 20__, inclusive,] shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of $5,000 of this issue maturing in the year 20__ and thereafter, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, in such order as the County shall determine and by lot within any maturity, on any date on or after _____ 1, 20__, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.]

[Insert Term Bond Provisions, if any]

[In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the Transfer Agent, upon presentation of the bond called for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.]

Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of any bond or portion thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered address of the registered owner of record. A bond or portion thereof so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem said bond or portion thereof.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the County kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner’s attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner’s attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, have been done, exist and have happened in regular and due time and form as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the County, including this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter debt limitation.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent’s Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, by its Board of Commissioners, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the County with [the facsimile signatures of] its Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk, [and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be [manually impressed/printed] hereon], all as of the date of original issue.
7. The County has considered the option of selling the Bonds through a competitive sale and a negotiated sale and, pursuant to the requirements of Act 34 and the recommendation of its registered municipal advisor, determines that a negotiated sale of the Bonds will result in the most efficient and expeditious means of selling the Bonds and will result in the most advantageous interest rates and obtain the lowest issuance costs and interest costs for the County. The Bonds may be sold through a private placement or, in the alternative, as a public offering as determined by an Authorized Officer.

8. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to solicit proposals from and select a purchaser for the Bonds and to place the Bonds with the purchaser; subject to the parameters set forth in this resolution. Each Authorized Officer is authorized to negotiate and, subject to the parameters set forth in this resolution, award the sale of the Bonds to a purchaser pursuant to a sale order and a bond purchase agreement, if any, without further action of this Board of Commissioners. The Authorized Officer is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the County.

9. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized in this resolution, and in pursuance of the foregoing are each authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 315(1)(d) of Act 34, including but not limited to, determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, designation of series, and other matters, all subject to the parameters established in this resolution, provided that the refunding shall result in a net present value savings to the County, the principal amount of Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this resolution, the interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed 6% per annum, and the purchase price shall not be less than 98% of the par amount of the Bonds.

10. The County hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from adjusted gross income for federal income purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The County hereby designates the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code.

11. In the event of a public offering, an Authorized Officer is authorized to approve the circulation of a preliminary official statement describing the Bonds and to deem the preliminary official statement “final” for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the SEC, and approve the circulation of a final official statement describing the Bonds and to execute the same on behalf of the County. An Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to (a) solicit bids for and approve the purchase of a municipal bond insurance policy for the Bonds if deemed economically advantageous, (b) apply for applications and any necessary waivers from the Michigan Department of Treasury, and (c) do all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds.
12. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is hereby appointed to serve as bond counsel for the Bonds, notwithstanding the periodic representation in unrelated matters of parties or potential parties to the transaction contemplated by this resolution, including the purchaser of the Bonds.

13. Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors is hereby confirmed as Municipal Advisor to the County in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

14. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners Grice, Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes, Benjamin and File.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Cobb.

Resolution R-99-20 carried by roll call vote.

**M-100-20**

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to not approve the purchase of tax reverted properties. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.
Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic a large number of grant funds are available to Michigan Counties from a variety of sources including the State of Michigan and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Grant Policy permits any Cass County program, department, Elected Official or division to submit and prepare grant applications to agencies outside the County government for funds, materials, or equipment to be received and administered by the County or by an agency for which the County acts as fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS, oftentimes the grant funds are on a first come, first served basis; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Administrator and the Cass County Finance Director receive pertinent and frequent grant information and have the knowledge and ability to pursue the numerous grant opportunities being made available during these critical times.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges the importance of securing grant funds and the importance of timely applications and directs the Cass County Administrator and the Cass County Finance Director to pursue any and all grant funds which may benefit Cass County and our residents.

Discussion followed.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (6): Commissioners Marchetti, Ausra, Dyes, Benjamin, File and Grice.

No (0): None.

Absent (1): Commissioner Cobb.

Resolution R-101-20 carried by roll call vote.

M-102-20

Commissioner Benjamin moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve a three-year proposal for auditing services from Yeo & Yeo for fiscal years ending 9-30-2020, 9-30-2021 and 9-30-2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.
CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Benjamin, Dyes, File and Marchetti offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: _______________
Date

____________________________________________________
Roseann Marchetti, Chairperson

____________________________________________________
Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register
Cass County Animal Control

A Division of the Cass County Sheriff’s Office
Our Mission

To provide quality, professional, fair and equitable enforcement of the Cass County dog ordinance and State statutes relating to dogs and other animals. We strive to provide a clean, cheerful and safe environment for homeless and owner-released dogs and cats while attempting to locate owners or find homes for unwanted animals.
Animal Control is divided into 2 divisions

Shelter Operations

Road Patrol
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**Live release rate**  
- **2018**: 40.91%  
- **2019**: 85.66%  
- **2020**: 94.31%
Our transfer partners

- Berrien County Animal Control
- Charlevoix County Humane Society
- Capital Area Humane Society
- Delta Animal Shelter
- Kalamazoo Animal Rescue
- SPCA Southwest Michigan
- Focus on Ferals
- Kelley’s Animal Clinic P.C.
- Humane Society of Midland County
- Humane Society of Monroe County
- Humane Society & Animal Rescue of Muskegon County
- Almost Home Animal Rescue League
- St. Joseph County Animal Shelter
- Van Buren County Animal Control Shelter
- Paws of Hope
- Humane Society of Huron Valley
- Midwest Beagle Rescue Education & Welfare (IL)
- Humane Society of Elkhart County (IN)
Complaint Statistics

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- Dogs at large
- Cruelty-Neglect
- Animal Bites
- Livestock Destruction
- Barking Dogs
- Injured Animals
- Animals Hit By Cars
- Animal Shootings
- Other agency assists
- P.D. Arrests with animals involved
- Transports
Community Outreach

Spay / Neuter assistance program that has provided financial assistance for over 110 pets in 2019!

Partner with Bergman Small Animal P.C. providing low cost vaccination clinics.

Pet adoption promotions

Educational outreach
Community Events
Visit us online!

- View pets available for adoption
- View lost or found pets in your area
- Purchase your dog license
- Report your pet missing
- Learn about spaying and neutering pets
- View the county dog ordinance
Thank you!

Question time.