

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS**  
**JULY 22, 2022**

The County Board of Commissioners met for a workshop on Friday, July 22, 2022 at the Village of Cassopolis.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeremiah Jones, Mike Grice, Dwight Dyes, Robert Benjamin, Roseann Marchetti and Ryan Laylin.

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Annie File.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Matt Newton, Finance Director Jen Rentfrow, Deputy Clerk/Register Regina Carlisle, Information Technology Director Jodi Nestich, Treasurer Hope Anderson, Administrative Specialist Jackie Taylor, GIS Director Erika Espeland, Road Commission Manager Robert Thompson, Prosecutor Victor Fitz and Facilities Director Dave Reiff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cass County Medical Care Facility Director Christian Lutes and Foreclosure Specialist Traci Haskins.

Chair Dyes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Administrator Newton thanked everyone for attending and said that he wants to serve the Board of Commissioners the best he can. He also discussed the Board of Commissioners agenda items.

Facilities Director Reiff presented a cost savings from his first 4 weeks working for the county, with the total cost savings being \$15,765.00. He also stated that the County will not be paying contractor mark-up on parts.

Treasurer Hope Anderson introduced Telamon Supervisor Maria Zavala Paredes and Americorps Member Michelle Tule. Telamon is an approved Housing Counseling Agency for Cass County. Michelle is wrapping up working at the County building at the end of this month and noted that she has helped a total of 75 people apply for MIHAF assistance.

Treasurer Anderson presented a Foreclosure Timeline and noted that foreclosures have been reduced since 2019. She also presented foreclosure chargebacks from 2013-2020, with the total chargebacks being \$300,322.88. During this time, 148 parcels did not sell at all or sold below the minimum bid.

GIS Director Erika Espeland noted that there is now GPS on trails at the County parks, which is very helpful to Law Enforcement, Dispatch and Emergency Management. She also stated that in 2021 Cass County joined the State of Michigan GIS 911 Repository Program.

Workshop adjourned at 1:30 p.m.