

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 20, 2020**

The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 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 (entered meeting at 6:35 p.m.), 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 File moved, seconded by Commissioner Dyes, to approve the August 20, 2020 Cass County Board of Commissioner's Amended Agenda. Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to amend the agenda to include New Business item M-120-20 - a motion to apply the \$822 in net proceeds from donations from the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to the invoice from the chemical company that handled the event. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried by voice vote.

**RECOGNITIONS**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

Chief Judge Dobrich provided commissioners with details on the State Child Care Fund, Indigent Defense Contract and Counsel at First Arraignment Contract.

## **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-111-20)** A motion to approve Claims dated August 7, 2020.

**(M-112-20)** A motion to approve the August 6, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No (0): None.

The Consent Agenda carried by roll call vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners File, Benjamin, Marchetti, Grice and Cobb offered committee reports.

### **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Marchetti announced an opening on the Economic Development Corporation and two openings on the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Planning Commission.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Jeff Carmen provided the Administrator's Report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chair Marchetti informed commissioners the Financial Report would be included in the September 3, 2020 Board of Commissioner's Meeting Packet.

### **SHERIFF BEHNKE'S PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE**

There was no update.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **M-113-20**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the FY2020-2021 Child Care Budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-114-20**

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the Cass County Courts' contract for Indigent Defense Representation, FY2021 (partially funded by MIDC grant at same level as FY2020). Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-115-20**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the Cass County Courts' Contract for Counsel at First Arraignment FY2021 (100% funded by MIDC grant). Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-116-20**

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the appointment of Tommy Harmon to the Solid Waste Planning Commission for a two-year ending June 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-117-20**

Commissioner Grice moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to approve the appointment of Shane Harris to the Solid Waste Planning Commission for a two-year term ending June 1, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-118-20**

Commissioner File moved, seconded by Commissioner Ausra, to appoint Ron McAdam to the Land Bank Authority for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **M-119-20**

Commissioner Dyes moved, seconded by Commissioner File, to approve the appointment of Emilie Sarratore for the Land Bank Authority to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

**M-120-20**

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin, to approve applying the net proceeds of the \$822 in donations received at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to the invoice from the chemical company that handled the event. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Dye introduced herself as a candidate for County Commissioner District 1.

Nor Serocki of the SW x SW Corner Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area provided programming updates.

Jeremiah Jones introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner District 7.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners Dyes, Cobb and File offered comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Roseann Marchetti, Chairperson

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Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register