

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 3, 2020**

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, September 3, 2020 via Zoom.

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

Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding called roll:

Commissioners Present (6): Annie File, Michael Grice, E. Clark Cobb, Roseann Marchetti, Terry Ausra and Dwight Dyes.

Commissioners Absent (1): Robert Benjamin.

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Jeff Carmen, Finance Director Becky Moore and Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Heather Harding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**Agenda Items Only**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Ausra moved, seconded by Commissioner Grice, to approve the Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda for September 3, 2020. There was no discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

**RECOGNITIONS**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

## **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-121-20**

Motion to approve Claims dated August 21, 2020.

### **M-122-20**

Motion to approve the August 20, 2020 Cass County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting minutes.

There was no discussion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call roll:

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

No(0): Commissioners: None.

Absent(1): Commissioners: Robert Benjamin.

The consent agenda passed by roll call vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Marchetti offered committee reports.

### **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Jeff Carmen offered the Administrator's Report.

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

Sheriff Behnke informed the board that he forwarded his report via email. He gave a brief synopsis of the report including comparisons from last year and this year, the jail is still COVID free and the various grants that they have been awarded and the uses for that money.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATE**

Prosecutor Victor Fitz and Chief Judge Dobrich provided updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Carmen informed the board that Finance Director Moore would give a synopsis of the budget. He informed the board that no decisions would be made this evening. He wanted them to look it over and ask questions in the course of the next few weeks.

Finance Director Becky Moore gave the board a timeline of the budget. She informed them that this was the most difficult budget she has prepared. She indicated that the county did not receive revenue sharing in August from the State of Michigan. That instead they received COVID money that has restrictions on use.

Administrator Carmen finished the presentation letting the board know that there will be time for them to ask questions at a later date. There was no further discussion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Parrish gave an update on the Dark Sky.

Ron McAdam announced that he was a candidate for District two Commissioner. He went on to thank the county government for all they have done during the pandemic.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

There were none.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Ausra made board member comments/announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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

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Roseann Marchetti, Chair

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Heather Harding, Chief Deputy Clerk