Tuesday, August 24, 2021

/s/-Steve Baier, Chair

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Steve Baier, chair; Stephen Green, John Hartkopf, Mark O'Brien and Bernard Pettinger. Agenda upon motion by Pettinger, 2nd by Green was approved. Minutes of August 17, 2021 upon motion by Green, 2nd by O'Brien were approved.
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Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Pettinger: to appoint James Stokley of Anita as Conservation Board member for the remainder of the 5 year term ending 12/31/2022. Carried unanimously.
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Motion by Pettinger, 2nd by Green: to appoint Patricia Ostrus as Franklin Township clerk for the term ending 12/31/2024; and to appoint Raymond Ostrus as trustee for the term ending 12/31/2022. Carried unanimously.
Before American Rescue Plan funds may be spent, a budget amendment is necessary.
Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green: to set Sept. 14, 2021 as the date for a public hearing on the amendment of the Cass County FY2022 budget. Carried unanimously.
Use of American Rescue Plan funds was discussed. Mark McNees from Atlantic Fire Dept. reported the Cass County Fire Association had received a Department of Homeland Security grant for the purchase of mobile radios [\$371,692 including 5% local match \$17,699.62 and 95% award \$353,992.38] and inquired whether the County would provide the matching funds. Board asked McNees to submit a written request and said consideration of match, whether by ARP funds or other funds, would be placed on Aug. 31 agenda.
Cass County's information technology person has resigned effective later this month. Scott Bennett, Nishnanet, spoke with the board regarding filling in (when Solutions is unable to handle a problem remotely) until the county gets a new IT person. Scott was also asked to create a job description for the full time position and meet again with the board on Sept. 14.
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Attest: /s/-Dale Sunderman, Auditor