AMENDED AGENDA—Tuesday, January 2, 2024

<u>SUGGESTED MOTION:</u> Move to amend the order of the agenda with the addition of item 03. Emergency declaration for winter storm to the regular agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

03. Emergency declaration for winter storm (Prochniak)

(Information/action)

<u>SUGGESTED MOTION:</u> Move to approve Resolution #2024-01, Emergency declaration for winter storm occurring from December 25, 2023 to December 27, 2023.

CASS COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION #2024-01

WHEREAS, Cass County has suffered damages from Severe Winter Weather that included rain, sleet, freezing rain, and winds that occurred from December 25, 2023, through December 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a heavy layer of ice, coupled with strong winds, caused extensive damage to utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, efforts to repair and restore infrastructure may cause damage to public and private property in addition to road and rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this storm caused power outages and damage to personal buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages is currently unknown but the cost of ice/snow removal, tree removal, cost of repair, replacement, and cleanup of damaged property, is in excess of normal budgeted funds and County resources; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners declares an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Cass County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices to recover from the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, reduce hardship, and initiate appropriate relief and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of the emergency upon the citizens of Cass County.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 2nd day of January 2024.

APPROVED:

Chad Peterson, Chairman Cass County Commission

ATTEST:

Brandy Madrigga Cass County Finance Director