

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Merriman
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Merriman, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Absent
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for board member Noe.

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

Chairman Merriman now leads the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Merriman next presents the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. Douglass moves to approve the minutes and Snellgrove seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Starkey reporting for Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on April 6, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met on March 27, 2023. Roger Lauder submitted an ESDA report.

Douglass states that she attended the Illinois Association of County Board Members meeting on Wind and Solar Farm Ordinances. The county is required to have an ordinance in place by the end of May 2023.

Hance, Liason of the Health Board reports the board will tour the new facility at the next meeting.

Snellgrove reports the Animal Control Commission met on March 30, 2023. Trayce Johnson will retire on May 1, 2023. Thomas Hart has been hired to replace Trayce. His start date is yet to be determined.

French, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment Committee, reports the committee met on March 20, 2023. The committee voted for an appraisal of Caraustar Industries.

Wessel, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on April 4, 2023, and approved all bills.

Icenogle reports that the Letting was held on April 6, 2023.

Ruppel reports that MCS is receiving scholarship applications. The amount of the award is \$2,000, but may be increased depending on the number of applicants.

Starkey reports the OEDC discussed the possibility of a Dollar General in the Village of Chandlerville.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

E-9-1-1

Cass Rural Water

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance & Bonds

Cooperative Extension

Mental Health 708

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OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents the resignation from Devron Ohrn as Animal Control Administrator effective immediately. A motion to receive the resignation is made by Gibson and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resignation)

Chairman Merriman next presents the appointments to Beardstown Sanitary District, New Pankey Pond Special Drainage District, Old River Drainage and Levee District and Animal Control Administrator. Starkey moves to approve the appointments and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents the Pehlman and Dold Agreement for approval. A motion to approve the agreement is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman states that Sheriff Ohrn would like to request the purchase of a new vehicle for his department. French moves to approve the purchase of a new vehicle and Snellgrove seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

Merriman next states that Tim Icenogle, County Highway Engineer, would like to purchase a salt storage structure. The current structure is falling down. Icenogle has to purchase 600 tons of salt by the end of July. If he doesn't have a place to store the salt the county will be charged \$7.00 per ton.

The Road and Bridge Committee recommended purchasing the salt storage structure at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. A motion to approve the purchase is made by Wessel and seconded by French.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent

Hance Yes Schultz Yes Gibson Yes

Ruppel Yes Snellgrove Yes

As A result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

Merriman next presents an IDOT Joint Funding Agreement & Associated Documents. French moves to approve the agreement and Wessel seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman Yes Wessel Yes Douglass Yes

French Yes Starkey Yes Noe Absent

Hance Yes Schultz Yes Gibson Yes

Ruppel Yes Snellgrove Yes

As A result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

The Electrical Renovation is the next item for discussion. Icenogle states the county received two bids. The lowest bid was from Pointer Electric out of Jerseyville, IL. The other bid was from E & M Electric from Beardstown, IL. Pointer Electric is currently doing the electrical work for the new Health Department facility in Beardstown. Teresa Armstrong, Health Department Administrator, stated that she is very satisfied with Pointer Electric's work.

Icenogle reports that the county board hired Structural Engineers from Green & Bradford in 1992 and Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. in 2008 to inspect the structural condition of the courthouse. The county board has spent a lot of money addressing some of the repairs that were listed.

One of the reasons that the inspection was done in 2008 was to assist the board in determining whether they should continue use of the current facility or build a new facility.

Icenogle states that you are always going to have maintenance whether you have an old building or a new building.

French states that he thinks the county board should move forward with the electrical renovation and that will buy time to plan for the future.

French makes a motion to move forward with the electric renovation, accept the low bid from Pointer Electric, and approve change orders up to \$20,000 with Chairman Merriman as the Custodian. Douglass seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls the roll.

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French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	No
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	No		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

The Chairman next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports, is made by French and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of claims is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the claims is made by Douglass and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

At approximately 7:53 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of May 8, 2023, is made by Gibson and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk