

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

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

Roll Call:

Merriman	Present	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Millard	Present	Hagloch	Present	Schaefer	Present
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Brannan	Present
Wessel	Present				

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members are present.

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

Chairman Barnett now leads the board in the pledge of allegiance.

There is no public comment.

Chairman Barnett asks for a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting.

Starkey makes a motion to approve the minutes and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next reads correspondence.

The Clerk states that the agreement with Pehlman and Dold for auditing services for fiscal year ending November 30, 2018 was received.

The Clerk states that both party chairpersons have been notified by Chairman Barnett that a board vacancy exists following the passing of former Board Chairman, David E. Parish. Chairman Barnett has 60 days to appoint a replacement from the same political party who resides in the same county board district to fill the vacancy.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on March 7, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

County Treasurer Travis Cox spoke about emailing tax bills to any taxpayer that signs up to receive their tax bill via email. The cost to provide the emailing service is a one-time fee of \$350.00. A brochure will be mailed out with this year's tax bills to inform the tax payers how to sign up for the email service.

Hagloch reports Road and Bridge met on March 4, 2019 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met February 25, 2019. Merriman received an E.S.D.A. report from Roger Lauder.

Cass Rural Water met on February 19, 2019 and paid bills. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Animal Control met on February 28, 2019. Sixteen dogs were picked up, two were returned to their owners, twelve were adopted

and two were euthanized. Merriman reports that they have cut back on part-time employees hours for budget purposes.

Brannan reports the Health Board met February 27, 2019.

There are no active TB cases in Cass County at this time.

The Health Department has received a Hepatitis B grant.

Lauren White has been hired as the Immigration Welcoming Coordinator.

Dr. Curry has received his Illinois license.

The Hospice Fundraiser will be held on March 30, 2019 at the Elks in Beardstown.

Brannan, reporting for the Housing Authority, states the Rushville Housing Project will have 24 units and they could be breaking ground as soon as February 2020.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Housing Authority will take place in April.

There is no update on the lawsuit.

Douglass, reporting for the Overall Economic Development Committee, reports a meeting was held on February 13, 2019 at the Extension Office in Virginia. Earl Bricker of Two Rivers Economic Development District attended the meeting.

Douglass expressed the need for funding for a CPR machine for the Ambulance Service, a new fire truck in Chandlerville, and courthouse security.

Douglass states that solar energy and the fish plant were also discussed.

Millard reports the Policies and Procedures/Website Committees met February 25, 2019 to receive website development proposals from Kamma Group, Hanson Information Systems and Chaney Technologies.

The Committees will meet again on March 13, 2019 to decide which company will develop the Cass County website.

Noe, Liason for O.E.D.C., states that a group of students from the University of Illinois attended the meeting and they plan to help work on the marina project. The group also toured the JBS plant.

Noe states that Kim Hance reported that the Golf Tournament was a success. Hance also reminded everyone that the Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held on March 14, 2019.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports that a new facility in Jacksonville has been leased to provide mental health services in Morgan County.

Schaefer also reports that they have signed an agreement with West Central Mass Transit to assist patients with transportation

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Insurance and Bonds

Supervisor of Assessments

E-9-1-1

MCS

Coop Ext

Tourism

T.I.F

Chairman Barnett states that a meeting was held in Beardstown to discuss the renewal of the ambulance contract. Board members Douglass and Hagloch and Cass County Treasurer, Travis Cox, also attended the meeting.

Barnett states that the ambulance service did very well and it looks positive that the contract will be renewed. Beardstown asked for financial assistance to increase the rate for the EMT's on standby from \$100 to \$200. Barnett informed the Beardstown representatives that the surplus funds from the previous contract would need to be used for the rate increase.

Barnett discusses the curbing/sidewalk issues brought to his attention by Ott Wulf.

Barnett will meet with the Virginia Mayor and County Highway Engineer Tim Icenogle to discuss these issues.

The Board now moves on to new business.

There is no new business.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance Engineer.

Douglass makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of claims is presented by Chairman Barnett. A motion to approve the claims is made by Wessel and seconded by Millard. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes		
Brannan	Yes	Wessel	Yes		

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

Chairman Barnett states there are no matters to discuss in Executive Session.

Wessel would like to recognize and congratulate the Triopia boys' basketball team for placing fourth in the state tournament.

At approximately 7:36 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of April 08, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.