

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2021

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Mary Keaton
Deputy Clerk

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett introduces Director of the American Red Cross, Leslie Johnson. Cass County will soon have a storm shelter/trailer located next to the ESDA trailer. Ms. Johnson next shares some of services that the American Red Cross provides.

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator of the Cass County Health Department, next presents an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Armstrong states

that Cass County is having a surge again in Covid -19 cases. Cass County like most of Illinois, is now at the high level of community transmission. To date Cass County has 2182 positive cases, with 37 fatalities and 2081 individuals recovered. Armstrong reports that her team is very busy giving the Covid vaccine. Cass County Health clinic to date has provided 11,340 vaccines to Cass County residents and others employed in the county and surrounding area. Armstrong reports 45.53% of Cass County residents are fully vaccinated. They continue to offer clinics weekly in both Virginia and Beardstown, as well as pop-up clinics throughout the county.

Chairman Barnett next reports the painting of the courthouse fire escape is done. Ott Wulf has also painted the gutters, and trimmed all the trees in the courthouse yard. Barnett thanks Ott for a job well done.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Cass County Board meeting held on July 12, 2021. Hance makes a motion to approve the minutes and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Deputy Clerk Keaton states there is no correspondence.

Douglass, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on August 5, 2021, and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on August 2, 2021 and approved all bills. The next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. due to the Labor Day holiday.

The Public Safety and Housing Committee met on July 26, 2021.

Cass Rural Water met on July 20, 2021. They still have a 4% water loss.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they met on July 22, 2021 and approved a 3% pay increase.

Hance reports that the Health Department has hired a new physician and new policies were reviewed.

Hance reports the Cass County Housing Authority met and Steve Horton stated that he has had the best summer crew this year and that many projects have been completed.

Schaefer reports that Arenzville Rural Water has picked up a couple of new customers. The next meeting will be held August 17th at 6:30p.m. at the Virginia City Hall.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on July 26, 2021 and approved all bills. They are still working on a plan for new radios for the county.

Schaefer reports that he attended an MCS meeting on July 22, 2021. A new hire has been helping with grant work and a mission statement is being developed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Hamilton's Catering in Jacksonville, IL.

Schaefer, reporting for the Mental Health Board, reports the board met on July 21, 2021. The Fire Marshall made them replace windows at a few of the homes. There will soon be a change in board members. There was no discussion of the DT program due to the current rise in Covid cases.

Starkey reports that Beardstown TIF will meet Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Beardstown City Council Chambers.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Legislative

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

OEDC

MCS

OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the Appointments of the Ashland Fire Protection District, Lost Creek and Levee and Hager Slough Special Drainage. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Merriman. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

The Chairman 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 Gibson and seconded by Douglass. 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 Hagloch and seconded by Wessel.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Gibson	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that 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.

At approximately 7:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 13, 2021 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk