

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2017

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: David E. Parish
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish, who directed the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Present	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Lynn	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Schaefer	Present
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Absent	Brannan	Present		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for Lynn and Wessel.

Chairman Parish states we do have a quorum.

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

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Cass County Board Meeting.

Merriman states he was incorrectly listed as a liaison to the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, but he is actually the Chairman of the Committee.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes "as amended" and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next reads the Correspondence.

The Clerk reads a thank you note from Cass County Board Scholarship recipient, Phillip Wessel.

The Clerk next reads an invitation to the Corridor 67, Inc. Annual Meeting to be held August 24, 2017 at the Beardstown Elks Lodge.

The Clerk next states the employee policy manual has been reviewed by both ICRMT and Cass County State's Attorney, John Alvarez. Minor changes have been suggested. The Clerk states a Policy and Procedures meeting should be scheduled to review the changes and possibly present the employee policy manual to the Board for approval at the September meeting.

The Clerk states the Holiday schedule has been approved by the Circuit Court.

The Clerk next states Ross Blakeman has accepted a fulltime position with the Beardstown School District. She states Jessica Lawson has been hired for the position in her office, and will start in September.

The Clerk next states she has been contacted by a watchdog organization called Judicial Watch. She states that Cass County was one of 24 counties identified as having more registered voters than adult citizens in Cass County. The State Board of Elections has also been notified. SBE feels the allegations are unfounded and erroneous because the Judicial Watch organization included inactive voter numbers as well as active. All responses are being handled by the State Board of Elections. The Clerk states John Alvarez has been informed of the situation and has responded to the organization on her behalf informing them that Cass County is in compliance with all list maintenance according to Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Clerk Wessel, reports the Courthouse and Jail committee met on August 10 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports the Road and Bridge committee met on August 7, 2017 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee reports the committee met on July 24, 2017. They did not have a quorum. Roger Lauder discussed being in contact with schools and nursing homes regarding an emergency plan.

Merriman states Cass Rural Water will meet on August 16, 2017.

Merriman reports Animal Control met on July 27, 2017. The budget was discussed. Fourteen dogs were picked up, seven were returned to owners, three were adopted, and four were euthanized. One dog bite was reported in Beardstown, and the dog was deemed dangerous. There was one cat bite in Virginia.

Brannan reports the Housing Committee met on August 10. Steve Horton ordered new appliances and supplies so everything would be in order before he left. A new garage has been built and it is very nice. The new windows are complete at Garnier. They are having an issue with people who are not residents of the apartments filling up the dumpster with trash at Riverside. The carpet in the hallway needs to be replaced at Parkside from people dragging leaking bags of trash.

Brannan reports there are 3 vacancies in Arenzville, 6 at Welchwood, 4 at Riverside, 1 at Lyn, 1 at Garnier, and 1 at Parkside.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee reports the committee met on July 17, 2017. He states the next

meeting will be held September 18, 2017 with the multi-township assessors. In 2018 the townships will be merging and at that time it may become the county's responsibility to do all of the assessing. We want to make sure we will get paid for the services.

Hagloch reports the Insurance and Bonds Committee met July 20th, August 2nd, and August 10th. Another meeting is scheduled for August 18th with the employee representatives. Hagloch states the plan has had 2 or 3 bad years with claims in the \$500,000-\$600,000 range. The funds are becoming depleted and the committee is looking at different possible scenarios.

Hagloch states Chairman Parish and Mike Barnett are going to Rend Lake on August 22 to meet with an attorney to discuss the health insurance issues. Barnett states the county is currently paying 88% of the premium and they are going to have to ask the employees for more help.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on August 24th and approved all bills.

Schaefer, liaison for Arenzville Rural Water reports the committee met for the first time with their new president, Joe Tate at Tate's residence. Schaefer reports the financial statement was reviewed with the previous president and found to be legitimate and correct.

Schaefer also states the percentage of water loss was low for the month, and they are checking into the next phase.

Schaefer, reports that Brenda McMillan has decided to resign as secretary and treasurer of the Resource Conservation Committee. She posted the position online and Barb Mendenhall of Sangamon County offered to complete the steps in order to dissolve the Resource Conservation and Development Committee. Any money

remaining in the account must be given to an active non-profit organization within the county.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Legislative

Finance & Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Cooperative Extension

MCS

O.E.D.C. Tourism

TIF

Mental Health

The Board next moves on to new business.

The Chairman presents the appointments of Robert Walker to the Cass Rural Water District #1 for a term ending July 2020 and David R. Wessel to Clear Lake Special Drainage District for a term ending September 2020.

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

Highway Engineer, Tim Icenogle, recommends the allocation of up to \$10,000 for repairs to a culvert on Gridley Road. Schaefer makes a motion to approve the recommendation and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the Chatauqua National Refuge Resolution to the Board. Brannan makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the Cass County Trustee Resolution. Noe makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Barnett seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The clerk next presents the monthly reports for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk and Death Examiner. A motion to receive the reports is made by Douglass and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of claims is next presented. A motion to approve the claims is made by Brannan and seconded by Barnett.

Chairman Parish directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Lynn	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Absent	Brannan	Yes		

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

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

At approximately 7:51 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 11, 2017 is made by Douglass and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.