

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, February 10, 2025 at the hour of 6:00 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	Absent	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Cass County Board meeting. French moves to approve the minutes and Brown seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on February 6, 2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met. Roger Lauder stated that his first priority is to get Genesis up and running.

Hance reports the Health Department Board met on January 22, 2025. The board approved policies and it was reported that the Dental clinic has hired an Oral Surgeon for part time services. The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2025.

Lunsford reporting for Animal Control, reports a total of 10 dogs were picked up 7 were returned to the owners and 2 dog bites were reported.

Douglass reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on February 3, 2025 and approved all bills.

Douglass reports Supervisor of Assessment met on January 22, 2025. Assessments were published on January 17, 2025 and the deadline to submit complaints is February 17, 2025. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2025.

Snellgrove reports that Cooperative Extension met on January 23, 2025. Dustin Fritsche was appointed to sit on the board for the CEO Program. Cooperative Extension has an administrative position open. Applicants must have a masters degree.

The following committees have no report:

Housing

Rural Water

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

OEDC

Mental Health 708

TIF

OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Ashland Fire Protection District and Mental Health 708 presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Appointments)

The approval of the BLH Computers Inc Agreement for Cass County Electronic Recycling is next presented for approval. A motion to approve the agreement is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	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.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the States Attorney Appellate Prosecutors Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hance and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents an Engineering Agreement for Various Services with Kuhn and Trello. A motion to approve the Agreement is made by French and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman announces that Aaron French will be taking Bobby Joe Brown's place on the Mental Health 708 Board as the Count Board Representative.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, and Zoning Officer. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Lunsford and seconded by Noe. 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 Hance. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	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 6:18 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 10, 2025 is made by Schultz and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk