

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 12, 2021

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett  
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel  
Cass County 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	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Absent		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett gives his condolences on behalf of the board to Gary Noe for the recent loss of his wife, Juanita.

Chairman Barnett states that the Director of the American Red Cross, Leslie Johnson, had planned on attending tonight's meeting, but she had to cancel due to the recent storms.

Chairman Barnett reports that the American Red Cross is reorganizing in Central Illinois and Johnson would like to put a storm shelter/trailer somewhere in Cass County. The trailer is

currently located in Canton IL. Tim Icenogle has offered to put the Red Cross trailer next to the ESDA trailer. Barnett wants the board members to be aware of the Red Cross trailer in case they get asked about it.

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 there were 18 cases reported last week. Armstrong reports there are 8 counties in Illinois that are in the warning level and Cass County is one of them. Pop up clinics are still being conducted where an event is being held. Armstrong reports 43.16% of Cass County residents are fully vaccinated and the state is 49.41% fully vaccinated. Armstrong states that since January, 95% of the hospitalizations are unvaccinated people.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Cass County Board meeting held on June 14, 2021. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to read the correspondence.

Clerk Wessel reminds all board members of the upcoming officers budget meeting on July 30th at 8:30a.m.

Clerk Wessel reads several thank you notes from the Cass Board Citizen Scholarship recipients.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on July 8, 2021, and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on Thursday July 8, 2021 and approved all bills.

County Highway Engineer Tim Icenogle asks the board for the approval of Chairman Barnett signing IDOT Agreements. A motion to approve Chairman Barnett signing the agreements is made by Starkey and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Icenogle reports that Ken Capps resigned from the Beardstown Flood Prevention District Board and Wells Peterson has been appointed as Capps replacement.

Rich Eckert has moved out of the Beardstown Flood Prevention District, so they will need to find a replacement for Eckert.

Icenogle has hired Josh Mayes. Mayes' first day was July 1, 2021.

Icenogle reports some citizens are concerned about the exits off of 125 at the Arenzville Road and Route 67. Icenogle contacted IDOT and there are no plans for repairs to Route 125 at those locations at this time. Icenogle reports he is going to have his crew go out on a Sunday morning and fix some of the bad spots.

The Public Safety and Housing Committee met on June 28, 2021 and received a report from Roger Lauder, ESDA Director.

Cass Rural Water met on June 15, 2021. A 4% water loss was reported. They have 1 new customer on Route 78.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports the commission met on June 24, 2021.

Hance, reporting for Cass County Housing Authority, reports the Eviction Moratorium has ended.

Starkey reports that Transit is looking for drivers and the search for a new Executive Director to replace Jean Jumper following her retirement in a couple of years is still ongoing. The plan is to hire an assistant to work with Jean for at least a year prior to Jean leaving.

Starkey reports the ridership was up 10%.

Chairman Barnett reports that the liquor license for Stoplight Liquors has been renewed.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the committee met on June 21, 2021. The Assessor has picked up 1 million in assessments. The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Schaefer reports that Arenzville Rural Water met and held an election of officers. Jamie Behrends was voted in as Secretary and Jeanette Lacy will be the Treasurer. A 38% water loss was reported. Two leaks were found and repaired.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on June 21, 2021 and approved the new budget. The board plans to hire one more person to try to eliminate overtime and to prevent employees from getting burnt out.

Schaefer, reporting for the Mental Health Board, reports the board met on July 16, 2021. Schaefer reports no one on the staff has COVID-19 and 29 of the staff members have been vaccinated. They are still working on the DT program and hoping to get recertified.

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 Cass County Health Board and the Arenzville Rural Water Cooperative. A motion

to approve the appointments is made by Starkey and seconded by Merriman. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett next presents the Cass County Trustee Resolutions. A motion to approve the resolutions is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The 2022 Holiday Calendar Resolution is next presented. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)



A Resolution declaring the County Clerk's office to be open for Election Purposes Only for the 2022 General Primary Election is presented for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Schaefer and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk 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 Wessel 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	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Absent		

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 7:44 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of August 9, 2021 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk