

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2020

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, February 10, 2020 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
Millard	Present	Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

During Public Comment, Chairman Barnett presents a letter he received from David Ballance.

Chairman Barnett contacted Steve Horton in regards to Mr. Ballance's letter.

Horton states that he contacted Ernie Bolen and Mr. Bolen has checked into the plumbing issues.

Chairman Barnett has also contacted Sheriff Ohrn in regards to the complaints directed at the Sheriff's Department in Ballance's letter.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk has no correspondence, but would like to remind everyone that Vote By Mail and Early Voting is being conducted in her office. Early voting will begin at the Beardstown City Hall on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on February 6, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Starkey asks about the county board's contribution for the Crime Stopper signs. The total cost for the signs is \$1650.

The board previously committed a contribution up to \$1650. The municipalities will be making their contributions for the signs and the board will pay the remaining balance. Barnett expects to have the exact amount of the board's contribution at the meeting in March.

Merriman, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and approved all bills.

County Highway Engineer gave an update on the new building.

The floors are in place. The exterior concrete has not been poured yet.

The interior walls and insulation are in and the electrician and plumbers will be there next week.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports that the committee met on January 27, 2020.

Merriman reports that the Cass Rural Water Board met on January 21, 2020 & went over the audit.

The board also discussed the request by Cass Communications to put fiber optic in the trenches dug for the water lines. The board has a lot of questions so the discussion was tabled.

Brannan, reports that the Housing Authority Board met on January 16, 2020 and elected officers. Laymen Carter was elected as Chairman and Milt Edge was elected Vice Chairman

Brannan reports that the Health Board met on January 22, 2020. The board approved some policies and Amy Parlier was appointed Chairman of the board.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that JBS is going to appeal their assessment.

The next S of A meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Animal Control

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Policies and Procedures

Economic Development

Coop Ext Meeting Regular meeting cancelled due to weather

OEDC

Beardstown TIF

MCS

Insurance & Bonds

E-9-1-1

Mental Health

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Clerk presents the Petit/Grand Jury Resolution to the board for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Brannan and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The resignation of County Board Member Josh Millard is next presented.

Chairman Barnett states that Millard has been a great addition to the board & the board wishes him the best.

A motion to receive the resignation "with regret" is made by Douglass & seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resignation Letter)

The next item on the agenda is the Electrical Evaluation Report. Barnett feels that the board is not ready to move on the Electrical Evaluation at this time.

County Highway Engineer, Tim Icenogle states that board member Hagloch has reviewed the evaluation with Kevin Lightfoot at a lunch meeting. It is going to take time to go through the entire evaluation. There are operational concerns that will need to be addressed and an option to purchase a generator was included in the evaluation.

The Renovation Committee will call a meeting in the near future to go over the evaluation and then make a recommendation to the full board. The full board will also be invited to attend the Renovation Committee meeting.

Approval to hire a new Sheriff's Deputy is presented to the board for approval. A motion to hire an additional Sheriff's Deputy is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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.

The purchase of a new vehicle for Sheriff's Department is Presented to the board for approval. A motion to approve is made by Merriman and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 next states that he met with a representative of Burlington Northern Railroad and discussed how BNSF has been struggling the past few years, but now thinks that things are heading in the right direction.

During the meeting, Chairman Barnett received a BNSF photo and Barnett presents the photo to County Board member Gary Noe for his birthday.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Maintenance, Death Examiner and Zoning Officer. Millard makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation & declared carried.

The approval of claims is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the claims is made by Starkey and seconded by Brannan. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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.

At approximately 7:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 9, 2020 is made by Millard and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel

Clerk