

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 08, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, July 08, 2024 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	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Absent	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

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

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 June 10, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Wessel moves to approve the minutes and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under Correspondence Clerk Wessel reads thank you letters from three of the Cass County Board Citizen Scholarship recipients.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on July 1, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on June 24, 2024.

Snellgrove reports that the Animal Control Commission met. Seven dogs were picked up and two were adopted.

Gibson reports the Health Department Board met on June 26, 2024. There are currently 2 active TB cases in Cass County.

MCS met on June 20, 2024 and went over funding and programs.

Hance reports the Cass County Housing Authority Board met June 20, 2024. Horton reported that he hired extra employees for maintenance. Horton would like to buy a new pick up truck with a lift.

The Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on June 25, 2024. Terri discussed the True Roll Software. IDNR leases have been received. The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2024.

Cooperative Extension met on June 27, 2024. An update was given by the new 4-H Director. There is no change to their budget.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports they met on June 27, 2024. Roger Lauder gave a report on Genasys.

Ruppel reports for the Mental Health 708 Board. The board met and reviewed the budget and discussed summer camp. There are no plans to restart the day training program.

Starkey, reporting for Tourism, reports that they have received a list of available grants and she hopes that the social media pages will qualify.

Starkey reports there were three TIF applicants. The 88 Bar and Grill requested \$29,000 for a new roof. Carrie Magerl requested \$14,250 for a new roof. Scott Musch from the First National Bank requested \$83,500 for a new roof. All applications were approved.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Rural Water

Mass Transit

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Liquor Control

Finance and Judiciary

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Cass County Health Board, Cass County Council on Aging Advisory Board and Arenzville Rural Water Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Absent	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	No	Snellgrove	No		

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Chautauqua National Refuge Resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents an Inter-Governmental Agreement for approval. A motion to approve the Agreement is made by Starkey and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman requests approval to authorize the County Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign documents for the bridge project in Philadelphia Township (Hall Road). A motion to approve the Authorization of Signature is made by Douglass and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Absent	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	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 6:43 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of August 12, 2024, is made by Wessel and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk