

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2017

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, April 10, 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 except board members Lynn and Wessel are present.

Chairman Parish states we do have a quorum.

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

Chairman Parish next introduces Rick Trelz of Ameren. Mr. Trelz is here to give an update on the Illinois Rivers Project and to announce the payment of \$193,200.00 (\$20,000 per line mile) the county will be entitled to once the line from Meredosia to Ipava (9.66 miles) is energized. Ameren is hoping for a November 2017 in service date.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the March 13, 2017 Cass County Board Meeting.

Schaefer makes a motion to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Clerk Wessel, reports the Courthouse and Jail committee met on April 6th and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman reports the Road and Bridge committee met on April 3, 2017 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee reports the committee met on March 27th.

Merriman reports Animal Control met on March 23, 2017. There were 15 dogs picked up, 10 were returned to their owners, 1 adopted and 4 euthanized.

Merriman reports Cass Rural Water held a meeting on March 14th. They are currently working on phase II along the Newmansville Road. There is the possibility of adding 20 to 30 additional customers including a hog confinement.

Brannan reports the Housing Committee met on March 16th. Another application will be sent in July for the Affordable Housing Project. The jury trial has been moved to June because the Insurance Co. wants to pose more people. Brannan states Trump's budget has cut thirteen percent of the operating budget for HUD which is \$20,000 per year and thirty-two percent of the capital fund which equals \$60,000 per year.

Brannan, reports the Cass County Health Board met on March 22nd. The board discussed policy changes. Emily Boyd has now received full approval the board has approve a sliding fee scale.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, states the committee held a meeting on March 28, 2017. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Schaefer states a meeting of the Policy and Procedures committee was held on Friday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. Schaefer reports the committee reviewed the first fifty pages of the sample employee policy manual. The committee agrees that most of the policies in the sample manual will apply to the county employees. The next meeting will be held Friday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Hagloch reports the E-9-1-1 Board met on March 27th and approved all bills. The board purchased a five year maintenance plan on the new computers.

Schaefer, Liaison for MCS, reports the board discussed grant allocations. A few scholarship applications have been received. The board received a GATA (Grant Accountability and Transparency Act) update.

Schaefer, liaison for Arenzville Rural Water reports they had a twenty-one percent loss last month and a leak was found. The annual meeting will be held on June 20th. Schaefer states that the customers have not had a water rate increase since 2014.

Schaefer, liaison for Cooperative Extension, reports that funding is down.

Schaefer, liaison for the Mental Health Board reports they held a small retirement party for Toni Taylor. A replacement for Toni has been hired.

Starkey reports the TIF board met. The board received a Historic Restoration Application for the Harold Milby gas station. The TIF board also discussed funding for the park district.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Legislative

Finance & Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

O.E.D.C.

Resource Conservation

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board next moves on to new business.

The Chairman presents the appointment of Harold Tyson to the Beardstown Sanitary District term ending April 2020 and Kevin Burrus to the Mud Creek Drainage District term ending September 2019. Merriman makes a motion to approve the appointment and Barnett seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

A quote in the amount of \$6,275.00 for patching and painting the second floor main hallway (stairwell) from Central Illinois Painting was presented to the board for approval. An additional quote in the amount of \$4,785.00 for the hallway outside of the judge's chambers was included. The courthouse and Jail Committee recommends having Ott do the work in the hallway outside of the judge's chambers. A motion to accept the quote of \$6,275.00 from Central Illinois Painting and to accept the

recommendation by committee to have Ott do the work in the hallway outside the judge's chambers is made by Barnett and seconded by Brannan.

The clerk now calls roll:

Roll Call:

Parish	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Lynn	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	No
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Absent	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that 8 board Members voted in the affirmative and one board member voted no. Chairman Parish declares the motion carried.

The Clerk next presents Cass County Trustee Resolution. Merriman moves to approve the Resolution and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Highway Engineer, requests the board's approval to allow Chairman Parish and the Clerk to sign documents as needed for the resurfacing project. A motion to approve the request is made by Schaefer and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle also informs the board the letting date has been set for May 5th.

A resolution re-affirming that the Cass County elected positions meet the hourly standard of 600 hours for IMRF eligibility is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Brannan and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish now reads a letter from the Masonic Lodge. The lodge will be holding a rededication ceremony and they are asking the board for a letter of proclamation recognizing the Masonic Lodge and all of their contributions. A motion directing the Chairman to write a letter of proclamation with the assistance of the Clerk is made by Schaefer and seconded by Merriman. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The clerk next presents the monthly reports for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Public Defender 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.

T.J. Wessel is present to ask if the Public Defender's report he presented is sufficient. Wessel also reports that the room he is using as the Public Defender's office does not have electricity or phone/internet. Sheriff Fair will speak with the electrician that is installing the new light fixtures to see if he will check on the electricity for the office. Fair will also contact Cass Communications about the Phone and Internet service.

Wessel next states that the Cass County Bar Association is currently working on a portrait project. The association is trying to acquire pictures of all judges who have served in Cass County. They would like to hang the pictures in the courtroom or at least somewhere in the courthouse. He asks if the board would be willing to donate the plaques and frames for this project.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 8:05 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of Monday May 8, 2017 is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.