

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, April 11, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
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	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes of the March 14, 2022, Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Special Cass County Board meeting for approval. Douglass moves to approve the minutes and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried

Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on April 7, 2022, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on April 4, 2022 and approved all bills.

Icenogle reports that IDOT has appropriated emergency funding for the repairs of 2 intersections located at RTE 125/Arenzville Road and Rte 67 & Rte 125. Weather permitting the repairs will start on Wednesday, April 12, 2022.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, met on March 28, 2022. An ESDA report was received from Roger Lauder.

The Animal Control Commission met on March 24, 2022. The requirements for establishing a new dog pound were received.

Hance, reporting for the Housing Authority, reports the Health Board was grateful for the opportunity to get rid of the old electronics and they thanked the county board.

A Spring/Summer tire program was discussed with Francy at the Cass County Health Department.

Gibson reports the Health Department continues to do Covid-19 testing two days a week. Free masks and testing kits are available at the Health Department.

The Health Department is looking for a Nurse Practitioner and a replacement for Dr. Curry since he will be retiring soon.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the Assessor's Office received 260 complaints and the Board of Review has held 8 hearings. The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2022.

Schaefer reports that Policy and Procedures met on April 6, 2022 to discuss the employee policy for Jury Duty Pay.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on March 28, 2022 and approved all bills.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Transit

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Arenzville Rural Water

OEDC

OEDC Tourism

Mental Health

Liquor Control

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Chairman Barnett reports he was contacted by Ryan MGanny from US - Solar about the development of smaller solar farms for homes and businesses in Cass County. An informational meeting will be held in May.

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the appointment of Harold Dean Nordsiek to the Beardstown Sanitary District and Melvin "Moe" Witherell, Jr. to the Oakford Fire Protection District. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Schaefer and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett recommends approval authorizing the Cass County Board Chairman and Cass County Clerk to sign documents to expedite Bridge Project CH9, pending IDOT approval. A motion to approve the authorization of signature is made by Merriman and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett recommends approval authorizing the Cass County Board Chairman and Cass County Clerk to sign documents to expedite General Maintenance Lettings for Cass County and Cass County Townships for FY 2022, pending IDOT approval. A motion to approve the authorization of signature is made by Hance and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The board discussed the interest in having another electronics cleanup on March 25, 2023. This will be revisited once an agreement from BLH is received.

Chairman Barnett presents for approval the Amendment to Section 3.5 of the Employee Policy Manual (Jury Pay). A motion to approve the amendment is made by Gibson and seconded by French.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Gibson	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Yes		

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.

(See Attached Amendment)

The Chairman next 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 French 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 Hagloch and seconded by Douglass.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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Gibson	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Yes		

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.

At approximately 7:37 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of May 9, 2022 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk