

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, January 13, 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	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Absent
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Under Public Comment Lindsay Ryan and Alicia Sandidge present a Resolution in Support of Cass County Agriculture. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Snellgrove and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under correspondence a resignation letter was received from Harold Tyson. Tyson has resigned from the Sanitary District Board.

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. French moves to approve the minutes and Schultz seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Wessel reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on January 9, 2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on December 23, 2024. Roger Lauder had reported that the drill at the D & D Homes on 8<sup>th</sup> street in Beardstown, was about losing power after a tornado. Lauder said the drill went very well.

Hance reports the Health Department Board held their Holiday Celebration on December 18, 2024 at the Beardstown Elks.

Cass Rural Water has 2 new customers and reported a 3% loss from September - October.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on December 9, 2024 and approved all bills. The committee received nice comments for Tim and his crew's work clearing roads during the snow storm.

Snellgrove reports that Cooperative Extension held their Christmas dinner December 12, 2024 in Carrollton.

The Following committees have no report:

Housing

Animal Control

Mass Transit

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

E-9-1-1

MCS

OEDC

Mental Health 708

TIF

OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointment of Brock Rohn to the South Beardstown Drainage and Levee District is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by French and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of the Committees of the Cass County Board is presented. A motion to approve all committees is made by Hance 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	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	No		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative except for Snellgrove. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached List of Committees)

Chairman Merriman next presents a Resolution for Budget Transfers for fiscal year 2024. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents the Cass County Trustee Resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Hance and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

County Highway Engineer Tim Icenogle presents for approval the Hutchinson Engineering Various Contract, Engineering Agreement for Bridge Replacement at County Hwy 8, and an Engineering Agreement for Road Improvements near Sunrise FS. A motion to approve the Agreements is made by French 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	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	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.

(See Attached Agreements)

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, and Zoning Officer. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Douglass and seconded by French. 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 Brown and seconded by Lunsford. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Absent
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	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 this time board member French reports that the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee met on December 16, 2024, and reviewed a Resolution for Decommissioning Bonds for battery storage.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 10, 2025 is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk