

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnett, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

There is no public comment.

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes from the May 13, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

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

The Clerk states there is no correspondence but informs the Board members they have a schedule for the satellite budget meetings in their packets.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on June 6, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports Road and Bridge met on June 3, 2019 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met May 28, 2019. Merriman states the committee received an ESDA report from Roger Lauder. Merriman reports the committee discussed the flooding issue and also the emergency drill that took place in Ashland.

Animal Control met on May 23, 2019. Nine dogs were picked up, two dogs were returned to their owners, two dogs were adopted, and five were euthanized.

Chairman Barnett next reports that the County is planning for a new County Highway building in the future. Barnett asks Merriman if the Animal Control Committee has discussed the possibility of moving the animal control facility to Beardstown. Merriman informs Barnett that the committee has been discussing it for some time but Bob Burget, the Beardstown representative, has not attended the last few meetings.

Barnett, with Merriman's consent will pursue the topic with Mayor Leslie Harris at the next Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District meeting on June 20, 2019.

Brannan reports the Housing Authority Board met on May 15, 2019. Brannan reports Cass Affordable Housing discussed a letter concerning former board member Miss Martinez.

Brannan next reports that the Rushville application has been approved for a 24 unit housing development. They anticipate construction will begin in March or April of 2020. The units should be ready to move into by August of 2020.

Brannan states Cass County will receive an administrative fee for overseeing the Rushville development.

Brannan, reporting for Health Department, reports they met on May 22, 2019. Brannan states clinic revenue is down due to some billing issues.

Brannan reports there are no active cases of TB in Cass County.

Brannan also reports that Hospice has received an award for the Highest Level of Quality Service.

Chairman Barnett, reporting for Liquor Control, reports there was an inquiry about a County Liquor License for serving on premises. Chairman Barnett states the request was withdrawn. Stoplight Liquor is the only business with a current County Liquor License. This license is due to be renewed by June 30, 2019.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met on May 20, 2019.

Merriman reports Crista Stanbridge passed the test she took in Bloomington. Merriman also reports that Maggie Nordsiek has been hired for part time summer help.

Merriman states the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports Dustin Fritsche attended a meeting in Pittsfield.

Noe states the students participating in the survey at the Beardstown Marina turned their information into the U of I and are awaiting results.

Noe states that reports were given on the Virginia BBQ, the damage to the Cass County Courthouse, the Solar Ordinance, and also the Blues, Brews, & BBQ taking place in Beardstown.

Noe also reports the Beardstown Farmers Market will take place on Thursdays.

Millard, reporting for Policies and Procedures, informs the board the initial design and development for the upcoming Cass County Courthouse website are complete. Training will be taking place for the individuals that will be maintaining the website.

Chairman Barnett next asks Sheriff Ohrn if he has the numbers for the final cost of cleanup due to storm damage. Ohrn estimates the cost of the dumpster around \$500 and cleanup at \$1200. Ohrn states they are still waiting on bids to fix the Courthouse steps.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports the committee met May 20, 2019 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water, reports the annual meeting will be held June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Virginia City Hall.

Schaefer reports they are currently working on obtaining easements for Phase 3.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports they met May 22, 2019, but did not have enough members present for a quorum. Schaefer states a new billing system was introduced but could not be voted on due to not having a quorum.

Barnett next gives the Chairman's report.

Chairman Barnett reports in the last month \$6500 in pledges have been received for the heart compression machine.

Chairman Barnett would like to thank J.R. Blair, Board Chairman of West Central Bank. Barnett states that Blair was instrumental in acquiring a \$2500 donation from Brandt Fertilizer.

Chairman Barnett estimates the donations for the new heart compression machine will cover 69% of the cost.

Barnett next mentions potential donations from the Passavant Foundation in August and West Central Bank might be willing to give a second donation.

Barnett states the four board representatives of Eastern Cass County would be the first to jump in and help if there was flooding in Beardstown or Chandlerville.

Barnett would like to ask that the members of the board make a monetary contribution for the heart compression machine in support of the Eastern Cass County Ambulance.

Barnett next distributes a copy of the proposed Solar Ordinance to the board members. Barnett explains that the Beardstown Drainage Commissioner had requested 240 feet between the edge of the Solar Farm and the edge of the drainage ditch. Barnett and Denzil Lorton planned to offer 150 feet. Barnett would like to speak with other drainage commissioners to get their opinions.

Barnett explains if this solar farm becomes a reality it will help farmers, help provide clean energy, and help the tax payers of Cass County.

Barnett would like to recognize all county organizations contributing to the Beardstown Flood Prevention. Barnett recognizes Public Health, Mental Health, Cass Schuyler Public Transit, Housing, IEMA, and the Red Cross.

Barnett would also like to recognize Tim Icenogle. Barnett reports Icenogle is the Clerk of the Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District. Barnett states that Icenogle chairs the meetings and he does an excellent job.

Barnett would also like to thank ESDA director Roger Lauder. Barnett states that any request made by Lauder to the city or drainage districts have been met almost immediately.

Barnett also recognizes Kim Hance, the newest representative appointed to the Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District. Sheriff Ohrn, or one of his deputies, has also attended every meeting.

Barnett states that he is very pleased with the effort the county has put forth to deal with the potential flooding issue. He is also quite pleased with the way all the different entities have come together to work as a team.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Rural Water

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

Coop Ext.

Beardstown TIF

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board now moves on to new business.

Clerk Wessel presents the Inventories for Judge Wessel, States Attorney, Health Department, T.B., County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, ESDA, Sheriff Office, E-9-1-1, Treasurer, Highway Department, Probation, and the County Board.

Douglass makes a motion to receive the inventories and Hance seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the Ordinance to Increase Civil and Criminal Filing Fees. Circuit Clerk, Cherie Kay Garner, and Circuit Judge Wessel give a brief explanation of the increase in costs by statute to the County Board.

Garner and Wessel state that Chief Judge McCartney has been very helpful in the process and approves of the ordinance. Judge Wessel states the ordinance is in accordance with the new statutes and state law.

Judge Wessel commends Garner for writing the ordinance. Judge Wessel states the ordinance Garner drafted for Cass County is also being used by other counties in the area.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the ordinance and Brannan seconds the motion.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett Yes Noe Yes Schaefer Yes

Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Starkey	Absent	Douglass	Yes	Hance	Yes
Brannan	Yes	Wessel	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 presents for approval the proposal to change the Cass County Courthouse hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Judge Wessel explains this change would help with criminal court proceedings as other courthouses in the 8th Circuit have the 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. schedule.

Judge Wessel also states that he has personally spoken with all elected officials regarding this possible change. Judge Wessel informed all officials that if one person objected to the change he would stop pursuing the issue immediately. None of the elected officials or courthouse staff objected to the change.

The new hours will begin on August 5, 2019.

Board Member Wessel makes a motion to approve the proposal and Millard seconds the motion

Chairman Barnett instructs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Chairman Barnett next presents for approval Mayor Tim Richards request for police presence in Chandlerville.

Mayor Richards requested increased police presence for eight hours on Friday evenings as well as eight hours on Saturday evenings. Ohrn explains that this schedule is not feasible. He instead recommends that an officer be present two to three hours every day. These hours would rotate from day to evening shifts throughout the week.

Sheriff Ohrn reports the Village has approved a budget of \$20.00 an hour for 20 hours a week. Ohrn believes this amount is fair.

Chairman Barnett states he will have John Alvarez, Cass County States Attorney, review the contract. Once the Chandlerville Village Attorney and the States Attorney are in agreement of the contract, Chairman Barnett would then sign the contract to begin service.

Douglass asks Ohrn if this increased presence would be a hardship on the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Ohrn states it would not be a burden as they are already required to respond to any calls in Chandlerville.

Chairman Barnett asks Ohrn if he knows of a start date listed on the contract. Ohrn estimates the start date to be in the month of June and ending October 2019.

Merriman makes a motion to authorize Chairman Barnett to sign the approved contract and Douglass seconds the motion.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 asks if there is any other new business to be discussed.

There is no other new business

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer, and State's Attorney.

Hagloch makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the semi-annual reports for the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer.

Schaefer makes a motion to approve the semi-annual reports and Millard seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

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Brannan Yes Wessel 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 7:59 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 8, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.