

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, January 8, 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	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.

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 December 11, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. Snellgrove 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 January 4, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on December 27, 2023.

Roger Lauder conducted a disaster exercise at the D & D Homes located on 8<sup>th</sup> street in Beardstown, IL.

Mitigation letters have been mailed to the municipalities for final approval.

Hance, Liaison of the Cass County Health Board, reports a meeting was held on December 27, 2023 at the Elks.

Hance reports that the Cass County Health Department (Hospice) is the beneficiary of 1.5 million dollars.

Hance, Liaison of the Housing Authority Board, reports that the board met on December 21, 2024. Pam Anderson attended her first meeting following her appointment to the board. Steve Horton reviewed all information relevant to the Cass County Housing Authority for the new board member. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2024.

The Cass Rural Water Board met and there was a 9.2% water loss was this month. The rural water board has decided not to coop with Arenzville Rural Water at this time.

French, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the Annual Assessment meeting was held on December 18, 2023.

Wessel, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on January 4, 2024, and approved all bills.

Ruppel reports the Mental Health 708 Board will meet on January 31, 2024.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Animal Control

Transit

Policy and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

COOP Ext

OEDC

Tourism

TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Appointments to the Cass County Zoning Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Gibson and seconded by Douglass. Ten board members voted to approve the appointments and one board member (Snellgrove) voted against the appointments. The motion carries.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents the Budget Transfer Resolution for approval. A motion to approve the Budget Transfer Resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman recommends tabling Item D, Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Unscheduled Intercity Buses, and referring it to the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee.

A motion to table Item D is made by Hance and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The next Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee meeting will be held on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All board members are invited to attend.

Chairman Merriman next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. Douglass moves to receive the monthly reports and Snellgrove seconds the motion. 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 Snellgrove and seconded by Hance. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	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 6:58 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 12, 2024, is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk