

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2020

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass 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
Millard	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

During Public Comment, Chairman Barnett introduces Courtney Timmons & Emma Tighman of Savion Energy. Timmons and Tighman are currently working on the solar energy project for Cass County located in the South Beardstown Drainage District. Savion has 100 solar projects throughout the United States. The South Beardstown Drainage District Solar Farm will produce 150 megawatts and will be a \$150,000,000 Capital Investment for Cass County.

David Ballance thanks Mike Barnett for following up with issues he presented at the December County Board meeting.

Ballance states that he spoke to Sheriff Ohrn and that the Sheriff explained to Ballance how the E-9-1-1 calls are dispatched out to the deputies.

Ballance also states that his maintenance problems at his apartment have been taken care of but other apartments still need attention.

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes of the December 9, 2019 County Board meeting for approval.

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

The Clerk has no correspondence.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on January 9th and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on January 6th and approved all bills.

Hagloch reports the new building project is going up quickly.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports that the committee met on 12/23/19.

Merriman reports that the Cass Rural Water Board met on 12/17/19. Merriman states it will cost \$500,000 to run the waterline from Ashland to Pleasant Plains.

Merriman reports that Cass Rural Water is seeing a monthly profit of \$8000.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports that they picked up 12 dogs, 5 were returned to their owners, 5 were adopted and 2 were euthanized.

Brannan, reports the Housing Authority Board met on December 12, 2019. Brannan reports that the closing for the Rushville Housing Project is set for some time in January and the construction is expected to start in March 2020.

Brannan reports the Housing Authority received a check in the amount of \$36,764.00. These funds will be used to insulate garages and help with future housing projects in the county. The Housing Board is planning to apply for housing in Ashland and Chandlerville.

Brannan also reports that plans are being made for the construction of duplexes in Virginia for the elderly.

Brannan reports that Lesley Newell has resigned as the Chairman of the Health Board. The Nominating Committee consisting of Amy Parlier, Josh Millard and Joyce Brannan will be nominating a new chairman in January.

Merriman reports that the Supervisor of Assessment Committee met tonight at 6pm.

Terri Cooper shared a list of the assessment changes with the Board. The Assessor has picked up approximately 4.6 million in new assessments in Beardstown Township.

Schaefer, Chairman of the Policies and Procedures Committee, reports that he met with John Alvarez in regards to our Zero Tolerance Drug Policy. Alvarez will review the drug policies from the Sheriff's Department, Highway Department and the Cass County Employee Policy manual and create one drug policy for all of the employees of Cass County.

Schaefer reports that the Arenzville Rural Water District has received notice that they have been approved for funding for phase 3. Phase 3 will provide water for 63 new customers.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Coop Ext

OEDC

Beardstown TIF

Mental Health

MCS

Insurance & Bonds

E-9-1-1

The Chairman now moves to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the "Amended" FOP contract to the board for approval. A motion to approve the amended contract is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Contract)

The Cass County Trustee Resolution is next presented for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Schaefer and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk next presents the Resolution for Budget Transfers of Various Funds and Departments. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Schaefer seconded by Merriman. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution is presented to the board for approval. A motion to approve the MFT Resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The County Engineer's Salary Resolution is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the Salary Resolution is made by Merriman and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk presents the County Engineer's Salary Agreement.
A motion to approve the salary agreement is made by Merriman and
seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared
carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

The Cass County Highway Inventory is next presented to the board. A motion to receive the Inventory is made by Wessel and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventory)

The Clerk presents the Artisan Consulting Contract for Professional Services for 2020. A motion to approve the contract is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Millard	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 Contract)

The Hutchinson Engineering Agreement for Professional Services for 2020 is presented for approval. A motion to approve the agreement is made by Brannan and seconded by Merriman.

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The Clerk presents a Resolution of Support for Mid-America Port Commission. A motion to approve the Resolution of Support is made by Wessel and Seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Maintenance, Death Examiner and Zoning Officer. Brannan makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation & 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 Wessel. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

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Chairman Barnett states there are no matters to discuss in Executive Session.

At approximately 7:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 10, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel

Clerk

