

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, June 13, 2022 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 directed the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
French	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	Gibson	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.

The Clerk presents the minutes from the May 9, 2022 Cass County Board Meeting. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes and Schaefer seconds. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next reads the correspondence.

The Clerk reads four thank you letters from the following Cass County Scholarship recipients: Jacob Shannon, Ainsley Mahoney, Kayley Leinberger and Hayley Sloan.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met June 9, 2022 and approved all bills.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met June 6, 2022 and approved all bills. The July meeting has been moved to Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Icenogle state that the Road and Bridge Committee has approved a \$12,500 Aid to Bridge Request. Chairman Barnett will submit to the full board for approval with the other claims.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on May 23, 2022.

Merriman, reports the Animal Control Commission met on May 26, 2022. The Commission discussed the new dog pound.

Kevin Krohe is going to get a rough estimate on what the new pound will cost and take it to JBS to see if they would like to contribute funds for the new pound. Members visited Herter Dog Boarding in Arenzville.

Merriman reports that the Cass Rural Water Board met on May 17, 2022. Bill Mitchell attended the meeting to review the Open Meetings Act.

Hance reports the Health Board met on May 25, 2022. The positive COVID cases are steadily increasing.

The Building project is going well. The board hopes to have bids by late June or early July.

Starkey, Liason for Transit, reports they met on June 9, 2022. Ridership is up but is not at the pre-covid level.

Deborah Walters has been hired as the new Assistant Director to Jean Jumper. They also hired a part-time bookkeeper.

Schaefer, Liason for Arenzville Rural Water Board, reports that the board opened bids on May 12, 2022. A representative from USDA Rural Development attended the meeting following the bid opening.

Schaefer reports that the Arenzville Rural Water District received a 1.5% interest rate on the loan and the water district also received a grant for 78% of the cost.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Virginia City Hall on June 21, 2022.

Barnett states the Satellite Budget meetings will be held this Friday, June 17, 2022.

Barnett reports that the Liquor License for Stop Light Liquors has been renewed for another year.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the committee met May 16, 2022. The tax bills have been mailed out.

Angela Robertson is taking classes. The staff have new vests to wear when they are out in the field.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Noe reports that Ryan Magnoni, Project Developer for United States Solar Corporation, will give a presentation on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. United States Solar Corporation specializes in smaller scale solar farms. The full board is invited to attend.

Hagloch, Liaison for E-9-1-1, reports that the committee met on May 23, 2022 and approved all bills.

Schaeffer, Liaison for the Mental Health 708 Board, reports they will meet on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

Starkey has no TIF report. Chairman Barnett states that TIF funds will be used for the main infrastructure of the new housing development.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

O.E.D.C.

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The Board next moves on to new business.

The 2022 Scholarship Winners were announced.

Chairman Barnett presents the Resolution for the Chatauqua National Wildlife Refuge. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

Wessel      Yes              Gibson      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 Resolution)

County Highway Engineer, Tim Icenogle, submits a request to purchase a 2022 Kamatsu WA270 Loader in the amount of \$165,000 after trade-in of the old loader. The attachments include a TRM Fork, scale & printer, additional work lights, and flashing strobe light. The package includes 5 years of warranty and all routine services to be done at the Cass County Highway Department. The warranty does not apply to normal wear of parts. The funds to purchase the loader are available in the Cass County Highway Fund Budget.

Icenogle states that his crew wants to use the loader for a few days prior to purchasing it to see how it's going work.

A motion to approve the purchase of a new rubber tire loader is made by Merriman and seconded by Hagloch.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	Yes		

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Icenogle reports that Roger Lauder was at his office to discuss the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cass County. The plan is being completed in cooperation with the University of Illinois and various other entities with a goal to identify hazards in the county. The ESDA Director is required to have a

Hazard Mitigation Plan in place in order to receive state and federal emergency funds.

Icenogle next reports that an open house to view the plans for the Beardstown River Bridge will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at the Beardstown High School Cafeteria.

Icenogle also reports that the Arenzville-Meredosia Bridge will be closed starting June 20, 2022 through Labor Day.

Chairman Barnett next presents a Cass County Trustee Resolution. French moves to approve the resolution and Merriman seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk presents the monthly reports for the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Maintenance and Death Examiner. A motion to receive the reports is made by Starkey and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the semi-annual reports for the County Clerk, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, and Treasurer. A motion to receive the reports is made by Hance and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Semi-Annual Reports)



The Clerk next presents the inventories for the Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Treasurer, Probation, Animal Control, States Attorney and Law Library. A motion to receive the inventories is made by Noe and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventories)

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

The Clerk calls roll.

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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	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 7:48 P.M., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 11, 2022 is made by French and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel  
Clerk