

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, August 14, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 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 July 10, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. Wessel moves to approve the minutes and Ruppel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Clerk Wessel reminds everyone of the Health Insurance meeting Monday August 21st at 6:30 pm. and a Finance meeting will be held Wednesday August 23rd at 6pm.

Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on August 10, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on July 24, 2023. Cass Rural water reported an 11% loss. The Village of Chandlerville is waiting on the flood mitigation information for the Dollar General.

Snellgrove reports the Animal Control Commission met on August 11, 2023 and approved all bills. Thomas Hart submitted his resignation and Jeff Harris was appointed the new full time Animal Control Warden. A part-time person was hired and will work on an as needed basis.

Douglass reports that the Road and Bridge Committee met on August 7, 2023, and approved all bills. The new salt storage building is complete.

Noe reports that OEDC met on July 28, 2023, but did not have a quorum.

Starkey reports the TIF board received a request for TIF Funds from Megan and Chris Zimny. Their request has been referred to the Beardstown City Council for approval.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Health Board

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessment

Policy and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance & Bonds

MCS

Coop Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708 Board

OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents the appointment of Jeff Warden to the Lost Creek Drainage and Levee District. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Hance and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointment)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Resolution for the County Clerk's Office to be open for Election Purpose Only for the 2024 General Primary and 2024 General Election. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by French. Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

(See Attached Resolution)

County Clerk Wessel presents the Resolutions Transferring Funds in the County Treasury A motion to approve the resolutions is made by Snellgrove and seconded by French. 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 board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

County Clerk Wessel presents for approval a Resolution increasing the Election Judge's pay. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Ruppel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

County Clerk Wessel presents for approval a Resolution Increasing the Copy Fee for the county. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Gibson and seconded by Ruppel. 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	Yess	Snellgrove	Yes		

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

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk next presents the Amended 2024 Holiday Calendar. A motion to approve the Amended Holiday Calendar is made by Hance and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Amended Calendar)

Tim Icenogle presents for approval the Various Services Engineering Contract with Kuhn & Trello. A motion to approve the contract is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel. 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 board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Contract)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval the purchase of a generator for the courthouse. Tim Icenogle reports that the estimated cost of the generator is \$56,000. A motion to approve the purchase of the generator 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	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 board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

Chairman Merriman presents renovation projects of the 2nd Courtroom, Holding Cell, Office next to Holding Cell, Judges Hallway and the Basement Ceiling for approval. The total estimated cost of all renovation projects is \$147,847.00. A motion to approve all renovation projects is made by French and seconded by Wessel. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached List of Projects)

The Chairman next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. 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 Douglass and seconded by Noe. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 7:31 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 11, 2023, is made by Wessel and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk