

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2017

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: David E. Parish
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish, who directed the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Present	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Lynn	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Schaefer	Present
Starkey	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 board member Lynn.

Chairman Parish states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Parish then opens the floor to public comment.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Cass County Board Meeting.

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

The Chairman directs the Clerk to read the Correspondence.

A thank you card was received from the family of J. D. Grafford.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Clerk Wessel, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail committee, reports the committee met on October 5th and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports the Road and Bridge committee met on October 2nd and approved all bills.

Tim Icenogle thanks the board for their continuing support. Icenogle has been the Cass County Highway Engineer for 20 years as of October 1st.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met September 25th.

Merriman reports Animal Control met on September 28th. Fifteen dogs were picked up, eleven were returned to owners, one was adopted, and three were euthanized.

Animal Control was alerted that someone had moved out of state and abandoned their pets.

The fiscal year 2018 budget was adopted.

Brannan, reporting for the Housing Committee, reports the Virginia affordable housing project has been approved by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Brannan, reporting for the Health Board, reports the committee met September 27th. The evaluation for Teresa Armstrong, the Public Health Administrator, is upcoming.

Barnett mentions he and Parish spoke to Chris Troxell, the Mason County EMS Director, regarding the proposed ambulance service. The Hospital CFO did a workup and determined it is not financially feasible for Cass County to use their service. Barnett

is planning to speak to Heath White, the City of Beardstown Fire Chief, to discuss options.

The Menard County Ambulance Director told Alex Snedeker he would be happy to meet with the committee.

Barnett notes Menard County's ambulance levy is \$750,000, while ours is only \$300,000. A potential solution would be to raise the ambulance levy.

Barnett requested Vicki DeFord, the E-9-1-1 Coordinator, track the number of calls transferred to MECCA for the last four years.

Merriman, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met September 18th. The Township Supervisors attended the meeting and there was a positive response to the possibility of the County taking over the assessments. The committee will meet again October 30th.

Schaefer, reporting for the Policies and Procedures Committee, reports Hagloch reviewed the Employee Policy Manual and found some formatting inconsistencies. It is recommended that copies of the Policy Manual and evaluation forms be given to county officers for approval.

Clerk Wessel reports she spoke with Mark Bell and Jane May regarding liability questions in the event of inconsistent enforcement of policies among offices.

Hagloch, reporting for the Insurance and Bonds Committee, reports both unions have approved the new insurance rates.

Michael Kirchner, Insurance Risk Manager, held a meeting with employees to discuss the new rates.

Hagloch, reporting for the E-9-1-1 Committee, reports the committee met September 25th and approved all bills.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Rural Water

Mental Health

Resource Conservation

O.E.D.C.

O.E.D.C. Tourism

Beardstown T.I.F.

Cooperative Extension

MCS Community Services

The Board next moves on to new business.

The Clerk presents the appointments to various drainage districts, Beardstown Rural Fire District, Cass Rural Water District No. 1, and the E-9-1-1 Board. Appointments are also presented for the Open Meeting Act Designee, Freedom of Information Act Officer, and Americans with Disabilities Act Administrator. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Brannan and seconded by Barnett. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer, and State's Attorney. A motion to receive the reports is made by Merriman and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Lynn	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Absent	Brannan	Yes		

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

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

At approximately 8:20 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of October 9, 2017 is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.