

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, September 9, 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	Absent	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Absent	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members are present except for Wessel and Schultz.

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 August 12, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Hance moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

There is no correspondence.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on September 5, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on August 26, 2024. Roger Lauder gave a report on Genasys.

Gibson reports the Health Department Board met on August 28, 2024. The board reviewed and approved several items which include the by-laws, annual audit, health insurance renewal, credentials for Dr. Paul Nguyen, a cd renewal and pregnant workers policy.

Snellgrove reports that the Animal Control Commission met on August 21, 2024. Jeff Smith attended the meeting.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on September 5, 2024 and approved all bills.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports they met on August 29, 2024. Beardstown Mayor Tim Harris reported that the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce plans to purchase a statue of Abraham Lincoln. Noe reports that the city of Virginia is having a farmers market on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Starkey, Liaison for Tourism, reports that there have been over 20,000 hits on the Cass County Website. Starkey is currently working on writing a grant to fund ½ of the cost of the social media marketing.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Mass Transit

MCS

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

Coop Extension

Housing

Mental Health 708

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to Mud Creek Drainage District, New Pankey Pond Special Drainage District and Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Hance and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Merriman next presents the Resolution to Adopt an Early Retirement Incentive Program. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hance and seconded by Starkey. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	No	Snellgrove	No		

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.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, and Zoning Officer. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Noe and seconded by Gibson. 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 Starkey and seconded by Snellgrove. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	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 6:22 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of October 14, 2024, is made by Gibson and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk