

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnett, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Noe	Present	Schaefer	Present
Millard	Present	Hagloch	Present	Merriman	Absent
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Hance	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 Merriman.

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett introduces Reg Ankrom.

Ankrom speaks to the Board about the Symec Energy Program,

States that the Cass County contract ends in June 2020.

Ankrom advised that they started watching the market early because the numbers have been looking good currently we have the lowest rate in Illinois.

Akrom presents the new contract that will run from June 2020-June 2022 Homefield will remain as the supplier. He gives his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve Cass County.

Douglass makes a motion to approve the Symec Energy Contract Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes from the August 12, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

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

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to read the correspondence.

Clerk Wessel states that she received a Thank you letter from the Cass County Food Pantry. We also received a resignation letter from Steve Heiderscheidt from the Arenzville Township as Road Commisioner, Brian Zuloft will be his replacement.

Clerk ask Tim Icenogle to explain the next correspondence.

Icenogle states that we received the annual audits.

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Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on November 07, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports they met on November 4, 2019 and approved all bills.

Icenogle states that the highway depart met with the union

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Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met October 28, 2019.

Animal Control met on October 24, 2019. Trayce Johnson, Animal Control Warden, reported that she picked up twelve dogs, four were returned to their owners, three were adopted and five were euthanized.

Merriman, chairman of the Public Safety states that their meeting has been moved to November 21, 2019.

Merriman reports Cass Rural Water met October 15, 2019 states that they might have new potential customers. Merriman also states that the Pleasant Plains Water Treatment Plant needs a lot of help.

Brannan, Liaison for the Housing Board, reports they met on October 17, 2019. Brannan reports that the Sagebrook is closing soon final check anticipated. The Welchwood acquisition is still pending.

Brannan reports the Health Department Board met on September 23, 2019. Brannan reports that some policy changes have been approved.

Merriman, reports that ESDA Director Roger Lauder has turned in his quarterly newsletter. Merriman states that Roger Lauder has done a great job and that we should be very proud to have someone with his knowledge.

Barnett, reports for the Finance and Judiciary met and reviewed the budget. Barnett states that the Cass County Ambulance will be taxed at max rate .25 cents. He states that they also discussed the tax levy and that has been decreased. Barnett also praised Travis Cass County Treasurer for the expense cut on his budget of thirty three thousand dollars by decreasing his staff.

Barnett states that he met with Devron and discussed the bargaining contract with Illinois FOP Labor Council.

Judge Wessel directs to the board to advised on an active case that will cost the county about thirty thousand dollars since we originally charged him with the offense then we are in charge of all his fees. Judge Wessel did advise that there is a fund in the State of Illinois that can reimburse the County some money but he is not confident on how much is available but he will contact the state and submit all bills.

Barnett, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessments Committee reports that they met on October 24, 2019 and advised that their next meeting will be on November 18, 2019.

Board Member Millard, reporting for the Policies and Procedures Committee, reports that the website will go live on December 1, 2019.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports the board met on October 28, 2019 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water, reports that they are collecting easements for phase 3.

Hance, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports that they met on October 24, 2019, Dustin Fritsche attended a webinar and he will be sharing the link so that we can see the effects of minimum wage on small businesses.

Hance states that Mike Barnett shared that Savion will be having a meeting some time on November.

Hance states that Paulie Reed representative of Chandlerville will be having their annual guns and host their fundraiser. They will be hiring Benton & Associates.

Hance states that Chad Meyer reports that the Virginia Dollar General Store will open on February 7, 2019

Hance also reports that the City of Virginia has approved the tear down of the old theater.

Hance, reports that the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting at JBS and that Chelsea Cornelius new HR Director at JBS has accepted the invitation to be a part of E.O.D.C. committee.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports the board met and approved all bill and accepted finance report.

Starkey, reports for the Beardstown TIF that they have received some applications with requests. Breeze Chiropractic requested \$3400.00, Antique Treasures and Simple Pleasures has submitted a request.

Starkey reports that Kelly Cagle has submitted a request for Harbor Committee they are in phase 2 and request 75 thousand she has provided a lengthy report on all the acquisitions from different government identities.

Starkey reports on the Falcon project states that this is an ongoing project. They previously arranged to get 50 thousand a year.

Barnett next gives the Chairman's report.

Barnett directs the Clerk to read the Veterans Day Recognition.

Barnett Chairman would like to recognize the Beardstown Football Team and their coaches for their accomplishments this season.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Liquor Control

Legislative

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

M.C.S

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board now moves on to new business.

The Chairman next presents the appointment of Brad Parlier to the position of Cass County Circuit Clerk.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the appointment and Brannan seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

The Chairman next presents the appointment of Jim French to the Housing Authority as Commissioner, Denise Behymer Housing Authority as Resident Commissioner, Billy J.R Blair Housing Authority as Commissioner, Brenda Schuster and Chelsee Cornelius to the O.E.D.C. Board as Commissioners.

Wessel makes a motion to approve the appointment and Douglas seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List Appointment)

The Chairman presents the approval of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. Schaefer make a motion to approve the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Resolution and Merriman seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Chairman presents the consideration of the Bid Proposal from RD Lawrence. Noe makes a motion to decline Bid Proposal from RD Lawrence and Hance seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached declined bid proposal)

The Chairman presents the consideration of the Hanson Engineering for the Courthouse Electrical Evaluation. Merriman makes a motion to approve the Hanson Engineering Agreement and Millard seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Brannan	Yes	Wessel	Yes		

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

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Barnett next presents the approval to divide the County into four assessment districts. Noe makes a motion to approve the division of the County for assessments Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Assessment Report)

Chairman Barnett next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury (MM Cons. Funds.

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury (K-9).

Starkey makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury (Prisoner Medical).

Brannan makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Millard seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett next presents the Engagement Letter for Auditing Services from Pehlman & Dold, P.C.

Douglass makes a motion to approve the Engagement Letter for Auditing Services from Pehlman & Dold, P.C and Wessel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Letter)

Chairman Barnett next presents the approval of Police Presence Agreement with the Village of Arenzville. Schaefer makes a motion to approve Police Presence Agreement with the Village of Arenzville and Merriman seconds the motion.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Barnett next presents the approval of the Amended 2020 Dispatching Contract. Millard makes a motion to approve Police Presence Agreement with the Village of Arenzville and Starkey seconds the motion.

(See Attached Amended Contract)

Chairman Barnett next presents the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Cass County Budget and Levies for approval.

A motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget and Levies is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Brannan	Yes	Wessel	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states all members present have voted in the affirmative except for Hagloch. Board member Hagloch abstained from voting. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Budget and Levies)

The Clerk presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance Engineer.

Douglass makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Wessel seconds the motion. 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 Hagloch and seconded by Brannan.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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

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

At approximately 8:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of December 9, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk