

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, August 8, 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	Absent
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 except for board member Starkey.

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Teresa Armstrong of the Cass County Health Department, presents the site plans for the new Cass County Health Department Facility that will be located in Beardstown. The new facility will have eight exam rooms and an additional behavioral health office.

There will be a portico to allow for drive thru services for covid testing and flu shots.

Asbestos removal is expected to begin next week.

Teresa expects the bids to go out in September and the project should be completed by the end of April 2023.

Teresa thanks Chairman Mike Barnett for being instrumental in the development of the new facility.

Chairperson Barnett presents the minutes from the July 11, 2022 Cass County Board Meeting. French moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next reads the correspondence.

The Cass County Highway Department submitted a revised inventory to the County Clerk. A motion to receive the inventory is made by Hagloch and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached)

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on August 4, 2022 and approved all bills.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on August 1, 2022 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on July 25, 2022. The ESDA report was received from Roger Lauder.

Merriman, reports the Animal Control Commission met on July 25, 2022. The commission reviewed plans for the new dog pound.

Hance adds that the Beardstown City Council passed an ordinance on August 2, 2022 to purchase the property for the new dog pound.

Trayce Johnson reported that 6 dogs were picked up, 1 dog was adopted out and 5 were euthanized

Merriman reports that the Cass Rural Water Board met. The inspection of the Philadelphia water tower will be conducted when the weather is cooler.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water Board, reports that the board met on July 19, 2022. A 10% water loss was reported and Phase Three is underway.

Under Finance and Judiciary, Chairman Barnett states that a Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 23, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the committee met July 18, 2022. The images from the 2022 flyover of Cass County are now available in the

change finder software. There were 637 new structures found and the cost to the county was less than \$5,000. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Hagloch, reporting for the Insurance and Bonds Committee, states that the board members should have received information on a health insurance meeting to be held in Peoria at the Embassy Suites on September 27-29, 2022.

Hagloch, Liaison for E-9-1-1, reports that the committee met on July 25, 2022 and approved all bills.

Noe reports that OEDC met on July 28, 2022, but did not have a quorum.

Under the Chairman's Report, Chairman Barnett announces that Cass County lost 2 outstanding citizens who had a significant impact on Cass County.

Warren Musch served on the County Board for 8 years. The Courthouse and Jail Committee voted to send flowers for Warren Musch's services.

Musch also served as Captain in the Marine Corp. in WWII and was a survivor of Iwo Jima.

Gerald Gill spent his lifetime helping the citizens of Cass County. When the Cass County Board was working with the City of Beardstown on the development of Eastern Cass Ambulance Service, Gerry Gill was the first person to step up and contribute just shy of \$60,000 for equipment to get the ambulance service up and running.

Chairman Barnett next reports that he has been working with Mayor Harris on the closure of the Lincoln Land Community College Off-Site Facility in Beardstown.

Chairman Barnett contacted Mark Holloway, LLCC District 6 Trustee. Mr. Holloway has agreed to meet in a couple of weeks.

Chairman Barnett would like to gather as many people as possible to make a plea to keep the LLCC facility open in Beardstown.

LLCC receives \$952,000 in tax distributions which is the 6th largest recipient of Cass County taxpayer dollars. LLCC needs to continue providing classes for Cass County residents.

Chairman Barnett announces that the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss issuing a Conditional Use Permit on four parcels for a Community Solar Garden.

Chairman Barnett reports that Courtney Simmons of Savion informed him that the utility provider will be presenting the plan to the utility board in October and ground breaking is expected in June 2023.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Transit

Housing

Health Department

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Cooperative Extension

O.E.D.C.

Mental Health

MCS

TIF

The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents for Approval the Democratic and Republican Election Judges for 2022-2024. A motion to approve the Election Judges is made by Merriman and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Judges)

Chairman Barnett next presents the Hanson Professional Services Inc. PSA Amendment for approval. Douglass makes a motion to approve the "Amended Agreement" and Hance seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
French	No	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	Yes		

The Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Amended Agreement)

Chairman Barnett presents the Bridge Design Contract for the bridge on Gridley Road. Schaefer moves to approve the contract and Douglass seconds the motion.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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(See Attached Contract)

A Resolution Requesting Consent for the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer is presented for approval. The County Engineer's current contract ends September 30, 2022. Icenogle has served as County Engineer for 24 yrs. The Road and Bridge Committee has recommended that Icenogle be reappointed as the Cass County Highway Engineer with the salary to be determined at a later date. A motion to reappoint Icenogle is made by Merriman and seconded by Noe.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

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(See Attached Contract)

Clerk Wessel presents for approval a Cass County Trustee Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Gibson and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Death Examiner, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by French and seconded by Schaefer. 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 French. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Wessel	Yes	Gibson	Yes		

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At approximately 7:50 P.M., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 12, 2022 is made by Gibson and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk