

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2017

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, December 11, 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	Absent	Brannan	Present		

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

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.

David Ballance, resident of Bluff Springs, voices his concerns regarding board member Eva Lynn's attendance at the county board meetings. Ballance states Lynn has been residing in Mt. Sterling since February and has been absent for several board meetings.

Chairman Parish notes Lynn is recovering in a nursing home. She maintains her legal residence in Cass County and, as a duly elected member of the county board, may only be removed from the

board if she changes her legal residence, is declared incompetent by the State's Attorney, or resigns from her position.

Ballance remarks by the time someone is elected to fill Lynn's position it will have been almost two years the board district has had diminished representation. Ballance questions whether Lynn's seat is necessary if the district can go without full representation for 21 months.

Parish states the board membership is set by statute and based on population. Although the district may have diminished representation with Lynn's absence, it has the representation of the other three board members in that district.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the November 13, 2017 Cass County Board Meeting.

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

The Chairman directs the Clerk to read the Correspondence.

There being no action taken the correspondence is ordered filed.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Clerk Wessel, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail committee, reports the committee met on December 7th and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports the Road and Bridge committee met on December 4th and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met November 27th.

Merriman reports Animal Control met November 30th. There were 12 dogs picked up, 8 returned to their owners, 1 adopted and 3 were euthanized.

Merriman, reporting for Cass Rural Water, reports the committee met November 21st.

Brannan, reporting for the Housing Committee, reports the committee met November 16th. There was a fire at Riverside Apartments. There will be no meeting held in December.

Brannan, reporting for the Health Board, reports the committee met November 29th. Brannan reports there are no TB cases in Cass County at this time. The Hospice workers and new employees will be tested.

Merriman, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met November 20th. The annual assessors meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 6:00. Terri Cooper has picked up nearly \$2.4 million in new assessments.

Hagloch, reporting for the E-9-1-1 Committee, reports the committee met November 27th and approved all bills.

Schaefer, reporting for Arenzville Rural Water, reports the committee met November 21st. Kirk Rawlins originally declined water service for a small subdivision but is interested in obtaining service now. Schaefer mentions there is no funding for the addition but the committee is willing to negotiate with Rawlins.

Schaefer, reporting for the Mental Health Board, reports the committee met November 15th. The Mental Health facility hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

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 Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District and South Sangamon Drainage and Levee District. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Schaefer and seconded by Barnett. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the Resolution for the Budget Transfer of Various Funds and Departments. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Starkey and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the Anticipation Warrant. A motion to approve the Anticipation Warrant is made by Barnett and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Highway Engineer, presents the Cass County Highway Department Inventory. A motion to receive the

inventory is made by Merriman and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle next presents the Resolution Reapportioning Funds within the County Highway Fund. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Merriman and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle next presents the Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Barnett and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle next presents the County Engineer Salary Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle then presents the Agreement for the County Engineer Salary. A motion to approve the agreement is made by Brannan and seconded by Merriman. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk then presents the Resolution Extending Stoplight Liquor's Sale Hours for December 24, 2017 and December 31, 2017. Chairman Parish notes the Liquor Control Commission recommends approving the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the States Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hagloch and seconded by Noe. 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 Brannan and seconded by Barnett. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the semi-annual reports for the County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff. The Clerk notes the Circuit Clerk's semi-annual report will be presented at the next meeting. A motion to receive the reports is made by Douglass and seconded by Merriman. 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 Noe. 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 7:42 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of January 8, 2018 is made by Schaefer and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.