

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett  
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel  
County Clerk

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

Roll Call:

Parish	Absent	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Millard	Present	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 Parish.

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

The floor is open for public comment.

Chairman Barnett introduces Earl Bricker and Tamitha Ague, representatives of the Two Rivers Economic Development District. Mr. Bricker states that Mr. Parish was an active member and that he would like representation from the county board to continue.

Mr. Bricker states that the next meeting will be held on February 6, 2019 to discuss strategies and economic development.

Ms. Ague states that she joined Two Rivers Economic Development District in July and she is looking forward to working with the county board and becoming more familiar with the Cass County's issues and needs.

Chairman Barnett states that the Cass County Ambulance Service is in need of a CPR machine. After soliciting the local businesses, we have a shortfall of \$15,000.00. The county board would appreciate it if this issue would be considered at the upcoming meetings.

Chairman Barnett thanks Mr. Bricker and Ms. Ague for taking the time to come and address the board.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Cass County Board meeting.

Brannan makes a motion to approve the minutes and Millard 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, it is ordered filed.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on December 10<sup>th</sup> and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup> and approved all bills.

Icenogle would like to thank his crew for all their hard work during the winter storm.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Merriman reports Animal Control met December 27<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 dogs picked up, 3 returned to their owners, 1 adopted and 2 were euthanized.

Brannan, reporting for the Health Board, reports the board met December 19<sup>th</sup> and states that Dr. Curry is still waiting for his license.

Brannan, reporting for the Housing Authority, reports they met on December 20, 2019. Rushville scored very high and will most likely be approved for a housing project like the one in Virginia. Brannan states that Virginia's Housing Project is complete except for the landscaping.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the Annual Meeting was held December 17, 2018.

Merriman reports that this is a quadrennial year, which means it is time to reassess everything in Cass County. All Exemptions will remain the same. The next meeting will be held January 22, 2019 at 6:00PM.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Cooperative Extension

Insurance and Bond

Legislative

Liquor control

Economic Development

Policies & Procedures

Mental Health

Cass Rural Water

E-9-1-1

MCS

OEDC Tourism

TIF

The Board next moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett makes the recommendation to elect a Second Vice Chairman of the County Board. Schaefer nominates Charles Hagloch and Douglass seconds the nomination. A motion to close the nominations and elect Charles Hagloch as Second Vice-Chairman is made by Merriman and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried

Chairman Barnett next presents the appointment of Rich Eckert to the Cass County Planning Commission. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Starkey and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett presents the appointment of Petie Ruch to the Cass County Zoning Board. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Noe and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Judge Wessel, presents the appointment of Denise Barr as Cass County Public Defender, Effective February 1, 2019. Merriman makes a motion to approve the appointment and Douglass seconds the motion. Nine board members voted in the affirmative and 1 opposed (Joyce Brannan) The motion carried.

Judge Wessel, presents the Public Defender contract for approval. Judge Wessel states the Independent Contract is for 1 year for the sum of \$90,000.00. Wessel makes a motion to approve the Independent Contract for the Public Defender and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The clerk next presents the E-9-1-1 Dispatching Contract. The amount of \$68,579.51 will be paid out in 4 quarterly payments for the 2019 calendar year. Douglass makes a motion to approve the dispatching contract and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk presents the Petit/Grand Jury Resolution. Merriman makes a motion to approve the resolution and Millard seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone 25 acres purchased by Sunrise FS from Agriculture to Commercial with B-1 status. Brannan makes a motion to approve the recommendation and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle presents the Hutchinson Engineering Agreement for Professional Services. Starkey makes a motion to approve the Agreement and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund the Adams, Brown, Cass, Morgan, Pike and Scott Educational Service Region. Cass County's contribution will be 9.5%, which is a \$36.00 per month increase. The current quarterly payment is \$8,490.63 and the new quarterly payment will be \$8598.68 beginning July 1, 2019. Schaefer makes a motion to approve the agreement and Hagloch seconds the motion. 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 Douglass and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the semi-annual report for the Circuit Clerk. A motion to receive the report is made by Hagloch and seconded by Brannan. 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 Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

Roll call:

Parish	Absent	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Millard	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative.

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

At approximately 7:58 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 11, 2018 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.