

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2022

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, January 10, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
County Clerk

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	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 an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Armstrong states that Cass County is in the middle of a surge. The past week was the biggest week Cass County has ever had with 345 cases. Cass County has had 46 fatalities and there are currently 5 people in the hospital. Schools are conducting the "Test to Stay".

The Health Department continues to offer clinics weekly in both Virginia and Beardstown, as well as the pop-up clinics throughout the county. The fully vaccinated rate for Cass County is 56.31%.

Mike and Lynn Hollahan are on the conference call to discuss the Mental Health 708 Board. Mr. & Mrs. Hollahan have a son in the D & D Home in Beardstown and have concerns about the closure of the Day Training Program.

Barnett explains the 708 board and its function.

Board Member Schaefer explains the reasons for the closure of the Day Training Program. Mr. & Mrs. Hollahan would like a schedule of the Mental Health Board meetings. Schaefer will try and get a list of future meeting dates and get them to Mr. & Mrs. Hollahan.

Chairman Barnett states that Katie Vitale, Director of the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce and Connect was supposed to present a proposal for a Countywide Chamber of Commerce tonight. Clerk Wessel will contact Vitale to see if she would like to be on the February agenda.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the December 13, 2021, Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on January 6, 2022, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on January 6, 2022 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety and Housing Committee, reports the Committee met on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Merriman reports the Animal Control Commission met on December 16, 2021. Penny Meyer was appointed as Trustee of the Chandlerville Village Board and will be the Chandlerville representative for the Animal Control Commission.

Merriman reports the Cass Rural Water Board met on December 21, 2022 and discussed cyber security.

The next Public Safety meeting will be held on January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Gibson reports she attended the Health Board meeting and all programs ended in the black for 2021.

Chairman Barnett reports on behalf of the Finance and Judiciary Committee. Barnett reports that the U.S. Treasury Department released the final rule for the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund which was authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act. The Final Rule allows counties to use up to 10 million dollars in ARPA Recovery Funds for the provision of government services without having to go through a complicated "revenue loss" calculation.

Merriman reports the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on December 20, 2021, for the Annual Assessor's Meeting. The Final Abstract is done. Assessment notices were mailed on January 6th.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Transit

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

Arenzville Rural Water

OEDC

OEDC Tourism

TIF

Liquor Control

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents for approval the Appointment of Tim Icenogle to the Mental Health 708 board. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Noe and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett states the \$500,000 grant from Jil Tracy and the \$125,000 grant from Norine Hammond have been appropriated for Cass County.

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval a Budget Transfer Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Gibson	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Yes		

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval a Resolution
Tranferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the
resolution is made by Hagloch and seconded by Hance.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call roll.

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

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Chairman Barnett states that because the Covid-19 Community Transmission is at a High Level all meetings in January and February will be held remotely.

At approximately 8:03 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 14, 2022 is made by Merriman and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk