

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2021

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, November 8, 2021 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	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Absent		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for board member French.

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator of the Cass County Health Department, presents an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Armstrong states that the number of Covid-19 cases are declining in Cass County. To date Cass County has had 43 fatalities and there are currently 3 people in the hospital.

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 52.38%.

Chairman Barnett states that Katie Vitale, Director of the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce and Connect is not able to attend tonight's meeting, but she will be here in December to discuss the idea of having a Countywide Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Barnett feels the Countywide Chamber of Commerce would be a positive step forward for Cass County.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the October 11, 2021, Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports his committee met on November 4, 2021, and approved all bills as presented. The committee discussed having an electronics cleanup for all county residents. There will be one location in each community for their residents to drop off their electronic equipment for proper disposal. The cleanup is scheduled for March 26, 2022.

Chairman Barnett will contact BLH to obtain the total cost of the electronic cleanup and will present the cost to the Courthouse and Jail Committee and also the full board for discussion/approval in December.

Merriman, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on November 1, 2021 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on October 26, 2021.

Merriman reports the Cass Rural Water Board met on October 19, 2021. There was a 4% water loss. A cyberattack on the water system was reported.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they did not have a quorum on October 28, 2021. Merriman and Animal Control Warden, Trayce Johnson attended the Beardstown City Council meeting to discuss Animal Control. Merriman reports that they were well received by the city council.

Chairman Barnett reports that Merriman and Johnson did an excellent job presenting at the city council meeting.

Barnett, reporting for the Finance and Judiciary Committee, reports that the 2021-2022 Budget and Levies will be presented for approval under new business. Barnett states there are also budget transfers to be presented for approval.

Merriman reports that the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on October 18, 2021, at 6:00 pm, but has nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2021.

Chairman Barnett reports that the Insurance carrier is quoting coverage for cybersecurity.

Hagloch reports that the E-9-1-1 board met on October 18, 2021, and they approved all bills.

Schaefer, reporting for Arenzville Rural Water, states that all easements have been received and they will soon be accepting bids for the project.

Noe reports that the Overall Economic Development Commission met on October 21, 2021.

Dustin Fritche is working on USDA grants for Chandlerville.

Katie Vitale is working on Christmas projects for Beardstown.
Mike Barnett gave a report on the Cresco funds the county received.

A new Tractor Supply Store is coming to Beardstown and will be located out by Walmart.

Noe reports that John Schnepper is the new Zoning Officer for the City of Beardstown.

Schaefer reports that the next Mental Health Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The 708 Board is still intact, but they are still in the process of appointing new members to the Mental Health Board. Betsy Brown has been appointed Chairman of the Mental Health Board.

Starkey, Liaison of the TIF Board, reports the board met on October 29, 2021.

The new Superintendent at Beardstown CUSD #15 requested \$150,000 to replace the concrete wall in front of the bleachers on the track.

The renewal of TIF 4 will include new properties that are contiguous with the current boundary.

JBS plans to close on a deal to purchase 40 acres across from Walmart for a new housing development. JBS hopes to have 50-60 homes in the housing development. The streets, curbing etc. can be reimbursed with TIF Funds.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

OEDC

OEDC Tourism

MCS

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the Appointments to the Cass County Health Department, Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District, and Cass County Housing Authority. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Engineer presents for consideration of payment up to \$5000 to UCM Construction for extra work on Co Hwy 8. A motion to approve the payment is made by Merriman and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	Absent		

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 Agreement)

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Engineer presents for consideration a Design Engineering Contract for the Bridge on Co. Hwy 4. A motion to approve the contract is made by Wessel and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

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(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval the Dispatching Contract for the 2022 calendar year. A motion to approve the contract is made by Wessel and seconded by Merriman.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call roll.

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(See Attached Contract)

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval the Cass County 2021-2022 Budget and Levies. A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget & Levies is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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(See Attached Budget & Levies)

A resolution transferring funds in the County Treasury from the General Fund to the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for a Revolving Residential Housing Project is presented for approval. Hance makes the motion to approve the resolution and Starkey seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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(See Attached Resolution)

A resolution transferring funds in the County Treasury from the General Fund to Capital Improvement in the amount of %500,000 for the purpose of building improvements is presented for approval. Merriman moves to approve the resolution and Hagloch seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

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(See Attached Budget & Levies)

The Chairman 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 Schaefer and seconded by Noe. 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 Douglass.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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

At approximately 7:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of December 13, 2021 is made by Wessel and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk