

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2018

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: David 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
Gabbert	Present	Hagloch	Absent	Schaefer	Present
Starkey	Absent	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Brannan	Present				

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

Chairman Parish states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Parish then opens the floor for public comment.

Jean Jumper from West Central Transit presents an annual update. Jumper states that there is more need for transportation than there are resources. Jumper reports that the state is now making quarterly payments which is how they are supposed to be paid. Jumper submits an Annual Operations Report for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. She informs the Board that West Central Transit was shut down from October 16<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup> of last year due to the lack of funding. West Central Transit currently has 4 ½

drivers with one on medical leave and another scheduled to take medical leave. Jumper introduces Ed Parker, County System Manager for Cass and Brown Counties. Jumper states the funds from Cass County rides are covering the overhead costs and a Morgan County Grant is also helping to cover expenses.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the May 14, 2018 Cass County Board Meeting.

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

Chairman Parish directs the Clerk to read the Correspondence.

Clerk Wessel reads thank you cards from the family of Eva Lynn and also two scholarship recipients.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Barnett, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail committee, reports the committee met on June 7, 2018 and reviewed and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman reports the Road and Bridge committee met on June 4, 2018 and paid all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met May 29, 2018.

Merriman reports Animal Control met May 24, 2018. Merriman reports that there was no quorum, however he did receive a report from Animal Control. There were 13 dogs picked up, 7 returned to the owners, 4 adopted, and 2 were euthanized.

Merriman reports that Rural Water met May 15, 2018. The latest addition is 75% complete. Merriman also states that a grant for \$70,000 was received.

Brannan reports that Housing met May 17, 2018. The committee discussed the Cass Affordable Housing Project. Brannan reports that the Beardstown office was closed May 16 through May 18, 2018 for tax credit training. Brannan reports that Laymon Carter has a check for \$37,022.50 for the Affordable Housing Project. The ground breaking took place on May 24, 2018. Brannan reports that after 90 days at 80% occupancy, Cass Housing will receive \$111,000.00. Cass Housing will also receive \$23,000.00 for cash flow for operating and development fees. Brannan reports that Rushville has shown an interest in a 20 to 40 unit housing development like the one in Virginia. If Rushville decides to move forward, Cass County will get a 5% fee for overseeing and managing the housing unit.

Brannan states that the trial did begin on June 4, 2018.

Brannan reports that Steve started a new program to help people pay their utility bills up to \$250.00. This program is going to be reevaluated to assure that only individuals in need receive the assistance.

Brannan reports that the Health Board met and there are no current cases of TB in Cass County. Sarahi Perez has been hired as the new receptionist for the Beardstown office. Brannan also reports that the Health Department is providing containers to collect ticks and mosquitoes to be sent into the state for testing.

Merriman, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the Committee met May 21, 2018. Merriman reports that there are a few applicants for the vacancy in the Assessor's office. The committee discussed the Manatron contract.

Merriman reports that the fly over is complete. The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Schaefer reports the Annual Meeting for Arenzville Rural Water will be held on June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Schaefer states that the board will need to replace board member Andrews, following his resignation.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports that they met May 24, 2018 and there was no quorum. Noe states that the committee discussed the Beardstown Blues, Brews, and BBQ festival. The committee is also scheduled to tour the fish plant in Beardstown next month.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

Mental Health

O.E.D.C. Tourism

Beardstown T.I.F.

Coop Ext

E-9-1-1

The Board next moves on to new business.

Chairman Parish presents the appointments of Pat Blair to replace Randy Whewell on the Cass County Mental Health Board 708

term ending June 2021, Joyce Brannan and Carrie Carls to Cass County Mental Health Board 708 terms ending June 2021. David Bunfill to Cass County E-9-1-1 Board term ending May 2019, Mike Ryan and Paul Booth to Cass County E-9-1-1 Board terms ending May 2021, and Chere Kay Garner as Court Disability Coordinator. Barnett makes the motion to approve the appointments and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish next presents for approval the Contract Renewal Agreement with Illinois Power Marketing D/B/A Homefield Energy. Merriman makes a motion to approve and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish next presents for approval the list of Democratic and Republican Election Judges for the 2018-2020 Term. Merriman makes a motion to approve and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish next presents the Cass County Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Douglass makes a motion to approve the ordinance and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the 2018 Inventories for Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, County Clerk and Recorder, Judge Hardwick, State's Attorney, Law Library, Supervisor of Assessments, Probation, Sheriff's Office (Janitor's Office and Courtrooms), E.S.D.A., E-9-1-1, Animal Control, Health Department, and T.B. Brannan makes a motion to receive the inventories and Gabbert seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under Other New Business:

Chairman Parish asks Kelly Cagle to speak on behalf of the Beardstown Harbor Project. Cagle states that the Beardstown Harbor Project is moving forward and has applied for a 1 million dollar grant from the Army Corps of Engineers. Cagle states that the Harbor Project is receiving support from many local and state Government Officials.

Chairman Parish next presents a Resolution for the Cass County Board to provide a letter of support to the Beardstown Harbor Project. Schaefer makes a motion to approve the resolution and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Cagle thanks the Board for their consideration and support.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer, Public Defender and State's Attorney. A motion to receive the reports is made by Merriman and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the Semi- Annual reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer. A motion to receive the Semi - Annual reports is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of claims is presented by Chairman Parish. A motion to approve the claims is made by Brannan and seconded by Barnett. Chairman Parish directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Gabbert	Yes	Hagloch	Absent	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Absent	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
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.

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

At approximately 7:51 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 9, 2018 is made by Schaefer and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.