

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, November 14, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

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

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett asks if anyone would like to make a public comment.

Clerk Wessel states that it has been an honor to serve as the Clerk during Barnett's Chairmanship and that all citizen's in Cass County should be very thankful for Barnett's leadership and commitment in making Cass County a better place.

Clerk Wessel goes on to say it has also been a pleasure working with Bob Schaefer the past 20 years and wishes them both the best following their retirement from the board.

Second Vice Chairman Bill Merriman next presents plaques to Chairman Barnett and Bob Schaefer for their years of service on the Cass County Board.

Chairman Barnett next states that serving as the Cass County Board Chairman the last 4 years has been the highlight of his life. Barnett states he is appreciative of the comradery of the board members. We stuck together during the pandemic and got through it. I am proud of what we have accomplished as a board over the last 4 years.

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes from the October 10, 2022 Cass County Board Meeting. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on November 10, 2022 and approved all bills.

Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on November 7, 2022 and approved all bills.

Merriman reports Public Safety met on October 24, 2022

The Animal Control Commission met on October 20, 2022, but did not have a quorum.

Cass Rural Water met on October 18, 2022. Craig Myers attended the meeting and the board reviewed the audit.

Hance, Liaison of the Health Department Board, reports that Andrew English went to work for the Illinois Department of Public Health and Delaney Sieving will take Andrew's place.

The Health Board would like to hire 2 full-time Health Educators. There is also a need for Hospice volunteers.

Starkey, Liaison for Transit, reports that they are switching to The First National Bank of Arenzville.

Transit provided safe rides in Beardstown on Halloween.

Chairman Barnett, reporting for the Finance & Judiciary Committee, reports the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Cass County Budget and Levies will be presented for approval under new business.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the committee met on October 19, 2022. There is not much going on right now. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Schaefer, Liaison for MCS reports that 2400 applications have been processed for the LIHEAP Program. Shaefer also reports that the Homeless Prevention Service Program and the Emergency Transitional Housing Program are out of funds.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Arenzville Rural Water Board, reports they had an 8% loss last month. The board hopes the water for Phase 3 will be turned on this month.

Noe reporting for OEDC, states that Mayor Harris reported that the Tractor Supply Store in Beardstown will be opening on December 3, 2022.

There was one TIF application in Virginia submitted by Sarah Fanning. Sarah plans on opening up a business on the Virginia square.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

Tourism

TIF

E911

The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents the appointment of Art Gramann to the Cass County Housing Authority. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Hance and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents 3 Resolutions Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve all 3 resolutions is made by French and seconded by Noe.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

(See Attached Resolutions)

Chairman Barnett presents the County Highway Engineer's Contract for approval. Chairman Barnett states that Tim Icenogle was hired as the County Highway Engineer, but in the last 4 years during my Chairmanship, Tim has taken on projects that have no bearing on his position and I am very appreciative of his help.

Icenogle states that he was hired as the County Highway Engineer 24 years ago and he appreciates the boards support over the years.

Merriman moves to approve the County Highway Engineer's Contract and Douglass seconds the motion.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll

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French	Yes	Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	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 Contract)

Chairman Barnett presents the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Cass County Budget and Levies for approval. Hance moves to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Cass County Budget and Levies and French seconds the motion. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	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 Budget & Levies)

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Death Examiner, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Schaefer and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Gibson	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.

At approximately 7:35 P.M., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of December 12, 2022 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk