

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, April 8, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Merriman
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
County Clerk

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Absent	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Under Public Comment Ron Ankrom, President of Symec LLC, presents a Proposed Amendment to the Agreement between Cass County and Illinois Power Marketing LLC. The proposal does not change the current contract. The one-year contract awarded to Homefield will begin with meter readings in July and expire in June of 2025. The proposal adds resources and expertise to give us more flexibility to watch the market more closely.

Douglass moves to approve the Proposed Amendment and Gibson seconds the motion.

Eight members voted in the affirmative and one member voted against the proposed amendment. The motion carries.

(See Attached Amendment)

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the March 11, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Wessel moves to approve the minutes and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on April 4, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on March 23, 2024. Roger Lauder reported that the Genasys Agreement has been signed.

Douglass reports the Cass Rural Water Board met on March 19, 2024. The new fee to get hooked up to Cass Rural Water is \$2500. The previous fee was \$2,000.

Snellgrove reports the Animal Control Commission met on March 27, 2024. The new truck has been ordered. There were 4 dogs picked up, 2 were adopted, 1 was euthanized and 1 dog is still at the pound.

Gibson reports the Health Department Board met on March 27, 2024. They are having problems finding a Dentist. There are no TB cases in Cass County. The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2024.

Gibson reports that MCS met and approved their mission statement. Scholarships were discussed.

Mass Transit still needs 1 part-time driver. The next meeting will be held May 9, 2024.

French reports the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on March 18, 2024. There is nothing to report.

Wessel, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on April 4, 2024, and approved all bills.

French reports that E-9-1-1 met on March 25, 2024 and approved all bills. The board discussed new radio consoles for the PSAP area. An equipment meeting will be held on April 22, 2024 to propose new radios.

Tim Icenogle reports that the Mental Health 708 board met on March 27, 2024. They are doing ok financially. The board discussed the mental health needs in Cass County.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Cooperative Extension

OEDC

Tourism

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Ashland Fire Protection District, Cass County Planning Commission, Beardstown Sanitary District, Jobs Creek Drainage District and Cass County Zoning Officer are presented for approval.

A motion to approve the appointments is made by Gibson and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by French and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval a Budget Transfer Resolution (Pictometry). A motion to approve the resolution is made by Snellgrove and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

County Highway Engineer Tim Icenogle presents a Resolution for Salt Bids for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Icenogle presents the bids results for Culverts, MFT County Bid results for Oil and Rock and the MFT Township Bid Results for approval. A motion to approve all bid results is made by French and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Noe and seconded by Wessel. 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 Douglass and seconded by French. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes		

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

At approximately 6:31 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of May 13, 2024, is made by Wessel and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk