

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2020

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, November 9, 2020 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 directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Massey	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

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

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. As of today, Cass County has had 610 cases with 13 deaths. The county is surging with 88 positive cases this past week. Cass County Health Department has increased their testing capacity. Any person who is a close contact of a positive case or symptomatic is coming to CCHD for testing.

JBS continues to do weekly random testing of their employees. Those results usually take 5-7 days. Currently the area hospitals are struggling with the number of cases in their COVID units. Many hospitals are working with a limited staff due to the staff being in isolation/quarantine.

The board discusses how to get the County of Cass on board with the mitigations for Region 3. Armstrong states that the Health Department does not want anyone to have to close down, but everyone needs to do their part with social distancing and wear masks if they are out in public. If the numbers continue to climb, we will be forced to go back to Phase 2. A motion to table the discussion was made by Hagloch and seconded by Merriman to be discussed at the Policy and Procedures Committee meeting. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Cass County Board Meeting held on October 12, 2020. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes "as amended" and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Clerk Wessel states there is not correspondence.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on November 5, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on November 5, 2020 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met on October 22, 2020.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they met on October 22, 2020. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020.

Cass Rural water met on October 20, 2020. Merriman states there is nothing to report.

Brannan, Chairman of the Health Department, reports that Robin McKinley replaced Nicole Roegge as the new Administrative Assistant.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports they met on October 19, 2020. The Assessor has published in the newspaper. The last day to file a complaint is November 30, 2020. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2020.

Hagloch reports the 9-1-1 board met on October 26, 2020, and approved all bills. The board will be meeting with the Mayor of Beardstown to discuss the dispatching contract.

Noe reports the OEDC Commission met on October 22, 2020. Jill Lyles, personal assistant to the mayor reported that Beardstown is currently working on the Airport.

Lyles also stated that the first phase of the Beardstown Marina is complete.

Noe reports that Valerie Leseure has resigned from the OEDC board.

Schaefer, Liason for the Mental Health Board, reports that there are several clients that are unhappy because the daytime program was cancelled. Shaefer state the board will be meeting to discuss how to explain why the can no longer continue providing the daytime program.

Arenzville Rural Water met and they approved a new warning system for all water lines. If a water line breaks a voice message will be sent to the customers phone letting them know they should boil water. Morgan County currently uses the same warning system.

Starkey, reports that Beardstown TIF Board met remotely. Extending TIF 1 was discussed. They will meet again Tuesday November 10, 2020, to discuss the extension.

Chairman Barnett states that TIF 1 was established in 1986 and was for 20 years. TIF 1 has already been extended an additional 14 years, for a total of 34 years. The only way for the TIF to be extended for another 12 years is by Legislation. TIF 1 currently receives \$500,000 annually.

Schaefer reports that the Policies and Procedures Committee will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

Cooperative Extension

OEDC Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Clerk Wessel presents the appointments to the Cass County Planning Commission and Cass County Housing Authority. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Brannan. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett presents for approval the Cass County 2020-2021 Budget and Levies. A motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget and levies is made by Merriman and seconded by Wessel.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massey	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 and Levies)

Chairman Barnett next presents Cass County Trustee Resolutions for approval. A motion to approve the Resolutions is made by Noe and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett presents the Agreement for Auditing Services with Pehlman and Dold. Hagloch moves to approve the Agreement Douglass seconds the agreement.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massey	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 Agreement)

The Clerk 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 Hance and seconded by Douglass. 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 Noe.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massey	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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.

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

At approximately 8:16 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene via teleconference on the night of December 14, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk