

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, March 10, 2025 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	Absent	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Ryan Lyndsey from Globe Life Liberty National presents information about Life Insurance and other insurance policies that they carry.

Dave Ballance voices his concerns about zoning ordinance violations at the Rainbow Motel.

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Cass County Board meeting. Noe makes a motion to approve the minutes and Hance seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on March 6, 2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Noe, reports the Housing Authority Board met on February 20, 2025. Federal Funds have been reinstated.

Lunsford reporting for Animal Control, reports there was a total of 25 calls, 7 dogs were picked up, 1 was returned to the owner and 1 dog bite was reported.

Douglass reports that the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on February 19, 2025. The Assessor has received 10 complaints. The deadline to file a complaint was February 17, 2025.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on March 3, 2025 and approved all bills.

Douglass reports that the Cass County Health Board met on February 26, 2025. All vaccines are available by appointment. There are no active TB cases and there are not Measles cases in Cass County. Douglass reports the Medicaid cuts will effect the Health Department.

Hance, Liason for OEDC Tourism, reports that during the last 28 days there were 21,699 views on the Cass County Facebook and Instagram pages.

The following committees have no report:

Rural Water

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Coop Extension

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MCS

Coop Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Ashland Fire Protection District and Beardstown Sanitary District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Hance and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the request to Authorize Cass County Highway Engineer to enter into contracts with the State of Illinois on behalf of Cass County and its Agencies and Departments. A motion to approve the Authorization is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached)

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Absent	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	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 6:37 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of April 14, 2025 is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk