

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,  
on Monday, August 11, 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	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Absent
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the June 9, 2025  
Cass County Board meeting. French makes a motion to approve the  
minutes and Schultz seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation  
and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on July  
10, 2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Housing and Environment  
Committee met on June 23, 2025. Roger Lauder was present  
discussed Genasys.

The committee also discussed the battery storage facility. French states that the facility will have to be properly zoned away from municipalities.

Lunsford, Chairperson of the Animal Control Commission, reports the commission met and approved new policy. The post cards for rabies have been updated and will be mailed out soon. There were 4 dogs picked up, 3 dogs were returned to their owners and 1 was euthanized. The Village of Chandlerville has opted out of the Animal Control Commission. Lunsford plans to attend a village meeting to discuss the liability to the village if they withdraw from Animal Control.

The Housing Authority Board met on June 26, 2025 and discussed insurance. There was a fire at one of the housing units.

Hance, Liaison for the Cass County Health Board reports the board met on June 25, 2025 and discussed TB. Hance reports it is required by State Statute to file a tax levy for TB. There is one active case of TB in Cass County and that individual is receiving DOT therapy daily. There is one active case outside of Cass County and 9 Cass County residents have been exposed. Teresa Armstrong is working with Tiffany Angelo and Nelly Nash to prepare for when Teresa retires. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025.

French, Chairperson of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports the committee met on June 16, 2025. True Roll was delivered on June 5, 2025 and has been installed. The Assessor has already found \$220,000 in exemptions that have been removed.

Douglass reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on July 7, 2025 and approved all bills.

Icenogle reports the Cass County Highway Department is going to try to oil and chip roads Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Icenogle also reports the county is going to reimburse Ashland for the cost of removing 3 trees on Rt 123 that runs through Ashland. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2025.

Wessel, reports the Finance Committee will meet on July 23, 2025 at 6pm. The committee will meet again on August 19, 2025 to receive the budget presentation.

Wessel, Chairman of the Insurance and Bonds Committee, reports the Hope Trust Annual Conference will be held on July 24th and July 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Charles, Missouri

The following committees have no report:

Rural Water

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Liquor Control

Economic Development

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MCS

Cooperative Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708

Tourism

TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Cass County Health Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by French.

Eight board members voted to approve the appointments and one board member voted no (Ruppel). The Chairman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

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 French and seconded by Hance. 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 French and seconded by Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Absent
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Absent		

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 6:19 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of August 11, 2025 is made by French and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk