

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, February 12, 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	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Under Public Comment a few citizens voiced their concerns about Inner-City Busses in Cass County.

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the January 8, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Snellgrove moves to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Roger Lauder presents Genasys Protect which is an Electronic Alert System. The board would like have more information on the

alert system before they vote so this item is tabled until the March board meeting.

Lauder next presents the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan must be approved by the municipalities in Cass County and also the county board in order to be eligible for mitigation funds. A motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan is made by Gibson and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on January 8, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on January 29, 2024. Roger Lauder gave his report.

Snellgrove reports the Animal Control Commission met on January 24, 2024. The members of the Commission voted to spend up to \$50,000 on a new Animal Control truck.

Hance reports that the Cass County Health Department met on January 18, 2024 and discussed the Briney property that was left to the Cass County Health Department's Hospice Program.

Merriman reports the Cass Rural Water Board met. The water loss last month was 9.6% and this month it was only 5.4%.

Starkey reporting for Mass Transit reports that Jean Jumper has officially retired and Debra Walters is the new Director. The Inner-City Bussing Ordinance was discussed.

The Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee will meet on February 26, 2024, to discuss the "Amended" Inner City Bussing Ordinance. The full board is invited to attend.

Wessel, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on February 5, 2024, and approved all bills.

The Mental Health 708 Board met and discussed costs and ways to enhance mental health. The 708 board would like to see more hours available for mental health services. Dianna Feigl stated that no one is being turned away during the hours that they are open. It was reported that 37% of the mental health budget has been used ½ way thru the fiscal year. A suggestion was made to look for another nurse practitioner because the current nurse practitioner is only there one day a week. The next meeting will be held in March.

Starkey, reporting for the Tourism Committee, reports the Instagram and Facebook pages up and running. Everyone is encouraged to share with others about the social media pages.

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

E-9-1-1

MCS

Cooperative Extension

OEDC

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Appointments to the South Beardstown Drainage District, Valley Drainage and Levee District and the Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson. Ten board members voted to approve the appointments and one board member (Snellgrove) voted against the appointments. The motion carries.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents the request for Authorization for the Cass County Health Department to sell the Roger Briney Property and for Teresa Armstrong as Administrator to sign the deed. A motion to approve Authorization to sell the property and authorize Teresa Armstrong to sign the deed is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairman Merriman next presents the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution for approval. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Noe and seconded by French. The vote by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Under Other New Business, Chairman Merriman presents the BLH Electronics Recycling Agreement for Cass County. A motion to approve the Recycling Agreement is made by Gibson and seconded by Starkey. The vote by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Tim Icenogle reports the renovations of the Supervisor of Assessments office will be done by the same contractors renovating the second courtroom. The estimated cost of the renovation of the S of A office is \$41,235.70. A motion to approve the estimated cost of the renovation is made by Wessel and seconded by Starkey. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll. The clerk calls roll.

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Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Yes		

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

Chairman Merriman next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. Gibson moves to receive the monthly reports and Wessel seconds the motion. 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.

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Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 7:17 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 11, 2024, is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk