

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

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

Roll Call:

Parish	Absent	Barnett	Present	Noe	Present
Millard	Present	Hagloch	Present	Schaefer	Present
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Brannan	Present	Wessel	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

Chairman Barnett now leads the board in the pledge of allegiance.

There is no public comment.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the January 14, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting.

Brannan makes a motion to approve the minutes and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk states that there is no correspondence.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on February 7, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

Noe reports Sheriff Ohrn attended the meeting inform the committee about HB191 which requires all courthouses to have a metal detector. Sheriff Ohrn states that if the bill is passed the plan would be to close the north entrance of the courthouse and to install a metal detector at the south entrance.

Sheriff Ohrn also reported that he plans to build a wall in the Sheriff's office for additional security.

Hagloch reports Road and Bridge met on February 4, 2019 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met January 28, 2019.

Animal Control met on January 24, 2019. Two dogs were picked up and both were euthanized.

Merriman next reports Cass Rural Water met on January 15, 2019. Cass Rural Water was planning to sell water to Sunrise FS for their new development. The City of Virginia discovered that they can go out a mile and a half past their municipal boundaries to supply water so the city will provide the water for the Sunrise FS Development.

Merriman reports he received an E.S.D.A. report from Roger Lauder.

Brannan reports the Health Board met January 23, 2019.

Lynn Bowman has resigned as the Hospice Chaplain and Jenn Bell will be the new Chaplain.

The Health Department will be applying for grants for Teen Reach, Hospice, and the Dental Clinic. Dr. Curry is still waiting on the approval of his Illinois license.

The Hospice fundraiser will be held on March 30, 2019 at the Elks in Beardstown.

Brannan reports the Housing Authority met January 17, 2019.

There is no update on the lawsuit.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Housing Authority will take place on a Wednesday in April.

Merriman, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met January 22, 2019. The notices for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Veterans Exemptions have been mailed. The next meeting will be held March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Douglass, reporting for the Economic Development Committee, reports there will be a meeting held on February 13, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. at the Extension Office in Virginia. Douglass reports she will be inquiring about funding for a CPR machine and courthouse security.

Millard reports the Policies and Procedures/Website Committees met January 26, 2019 in Beardstown. The Committee discussed the website designs from the surrounding counties.

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Three different companies will be presenting proposals to the committees.

Chairman Barnett recommends inviting Kim Hance, Director of the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting on February 21, 2019.

Schaefer, reporting for Arenzville Rural Water, states the Committee has committed 100% to moving forward with the DCEO process. Schaefer states the total cost of the project would be around 1.2 million dollars. After grant funding is applied the cost would be around \$700,000.

Noe, Liason for O.E.D.C., states there are 11 students interested in helping with the marina project and other local projects.

Noe next reports that JBS donated some blessing gifts to the Poverty Program.

Noe reports that Kim Hance informed the Committee that Rivertown Restaurant would be closing February 28, 2019.

Schaefer, Liason for the Mental Health Board, reports the board has applied for a grant in the amount of \$140,000 to pay for personnel and rental of a new facility for the new services they are planning to provide.

Schaefer states the board has approached Jean Jumper about running routes for Community of Hope and Recovery Center.

Schaefer states they also discussed the new prevention program to help combat the opioid problem.

Starkey, Liaison for the Beardstown TIF Board, states that H&R Block applied for funds to resurface their parking lot and to redo the sidewalk in front of their building. The TIF Board and the Beardstown City Council both approved the request. The approval was for 50% of the project or \$12,150.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

Coop Ext

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents the appointment of J.R. Blair to the Cass County Zoning Board.

Douglass makes a motion to approve the appointment and Wessel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer, Public Defender and State's Attorney.

Starkey makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Merriman seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The approval of claims is presented by Chairman Barnett. A motion to approve the claims is made by Hagloch and seconded by Douglass. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Parish	Absent	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Brannan	Yes	Wessel	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states 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.

The Clerk next presents the proposal of eliminating the reading of the minutes at the county board meetings and emailing the minutes to all board members for review in advance of each monthly board meeting. Following the board members review of the minutes, the board members can submit any changes or corrections.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the Clerk's proposal and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett states a meeting was held with the Mayor of Virginia and the Virginia Township Supervisor and Road Commissioner to discuss the request of a tax abatement from Jim Meinhart of Sunrise FS for their new development project.

Barnett reports that Mr. Meinhart has withdrawn his request for a tax abatement.

Tim Icenogle next reports on the funding possibilities for the roads surrounding the Sunrise FS project.

Icenogle states that economic development funding is available based on the number of new jobs and the retention of jobs the new development project will create. The development project will also create construction jobs.

Icenogle states that Truck Access Funds are also a possibility. Those funds could reach up to \$150,000, not to exceed 50% of the project.

Icenogle states there is also the potential to receive matching funds through DCEO.

Any work done on state roads would be funded 100%.

Icenogle states he has been speaking with Chris Isbell, the Local Roads and Streets Field Engineer at IDOT.

Icenogle states Chris Isbell has experience with this type of project and he plans on utilizing his project experience and advice.

Chairman Barnett states Icenogle's relationship with Chris Isbell is very important. Icenogle put together a lot of figures prior to the meeting that took place. Chairman Barnett believes Icenogle is being very modest regarding his contribution in this effort and thanks him for his work.

Icenogle states Chris Isbell did indicate he would like this to be a county led project.

Starkey next announces that she is very pleased that the City of Beardstown received the grant for the Harbor Project. She believes this will be very good for the county. She also acknowledges Kelly Cagle and all other individuals for all of their hard work on the harbor project.

At approximately 7:36 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 11, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.