

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, April 8, 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:

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| Barnett | Present | Noe | Present | Schaefer | Present |
| Millard | Present | Hagloch | Present | Merriman | Present |
| Starkey | Present | Douglass | Present | | |
| Wessel | Present | Brannan | Present | | |

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

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

There is no public comment.

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes from the March 11, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

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

The Clerk states there is no correspondence but informs the Board members they have information about the UCCI Golf Outing in their packets.

Chairman Barnett reports the scholarship set up in honor of David Parish has a balance of \$4745.00. Chairman Barnett states there will be one scholarship granted each year in hopes the David Parish Scholarship will continue for the next decade.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on April 4, 2019, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports Road and Bridge met on April 1, 2019 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met March 25, 2019.

Animal Control met on March 28, 2019. Seven dogs were picked up, six dogs were returned to their owners, and one was euthanized.

Merriman next reports Cass Rural Water met and they are down to a 6% loss. Merriman states part of the loss is coming from the water treatment plant. Merriman reports they are starting to show a profit. Merriman also states that Virginia will be raising its water rates.

Brannan reports the Housing Authority Board met on March 28, 2019. Brannan reports 18 of the units in Virginia are full. Brannan states Rushville sent in the application for their housing project and should know by May if it has been approved.

Brannan reports Steve Horton informed the committee the cable and water rates will increase for residents.

Brannan reports the 50th Anniversary party will take place on April 17th. The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. prior to the celebration.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met on March 18, 2019.

Merriman reports training will begin on the Beacon website. Merriman also states Crista Stanbridge will be in the field collecting data. The next meeting will be held April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Douglass reports for the Economic Development Committee and states a new business has opened in Ashland in the old Allen's Grocery building.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Insurance and Bonds Committee, reports the committee met April 5, 2019. Hagloch explains to the board that when the County switched to the Hope Trust, there were still some outstanding claims that had not been paid. The County expended around \$78,900 to pay these claims. The County was reimbursed \$48,455 by the reinsurance. Hagloch states the County had to pay \$30,400 to cover the end of the year obligations.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports the committee met March 25, 2019 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, reporting for MCS, reports they met March 21, 2019. The Scholarship Committee was established.

Schaefer reports that Debbie Walters of the Morgan County Housing Authority is their newest member.

Schaefer also reports funding is available to winterize 45 to 50 homes this summer and fall. Schaefer states the next meeting will be held June 20, 2019.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water, states the Arenzville Rural Water rates will not increase.

Schaefer, reporting for Coop Ext, reports the meeting was held March 28, 2019. Schaefer states before Governor Rauner left office, he promised five million dollars to extension programs throughout the state of Illinois. Chairman Barnett asks Schaefer to provide the appropriation number so he can look into it.

Noe, Liaison for O.E.D.C., reports they met March 28, 2019. Noe states there are several schools that are participating in a logo contest.

Noe reports that Dustin Fritsche attended classes on March 5, 2019 at the U of I on helping immigrants transition. Noe also reports there will be a county garden at the Cass County Health Department.

Noe states Kim Hance reported on the Spring Fling, the Virginia BBQ, Brown Bag in the Park, and the Fall Fun Festival fish fry.

Noe reports training classes for EMT students were discussed.

Noe reports they are in the final stage of the ordinance for the Cass County solar project.

Noe also reports the contributions for the ambulance cardiac equipment stands at \$11,000.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports Mental Health has a new transportation contract with Cass - Schuyler Public Transit.

Schaefer also reports that the new building in Jacksonville is supposed to be complete.

Starkey, reporting for Beardstown TIF, reports two applications were reviewed at the last meeting. Both applications were recommended to the Beardstown City Council for approval. Starkey reports one application was for \$30,000 for a new restaurant. The second application was for \$50,000 for Falcon Industries.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Health Board

Policies and Procedures

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett next introduces Kim Hance to the County Board. Hance has been recommended to fill the vacancy in County Board District No. 2.

Chairman Barnett presents the appointment of Kim Hance to the Cass County Board.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the appointment and Douglass seconds the motion. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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| Barnett | Yes | Noe | Yes | Schaefer | Yes |
| Millard | Present | Hagloch | Yes | Merriman | Yes |
| Starkey | Yes | Douglass | Yes | | |
| Brannan | Yes | Wessel | Yes | | |

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states nine members have voted in the affirmative and one member voted present. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

Barnett next asks Hance to come forward to take the Oath of Office. Hance is sworn in by Clerk Wessel.

Chairman Barnett gives Hance an opportunity to address the Board. Hance thanks the members for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Chairman Barnett next invites Jean Jumper of Cass - Schuyler Public Transit to speak. Jumper begins by stating she likes to attend a few meetings a year to give updates to the Board on any progress and also any issues facing the Cass - Schuyler Public Transit. Jumper distributes a financial report to all Board Members.

Jumper states this year is the closest Cass County has ever come to breaking even. Jumper attributes this to an increase in Public Aid rides as they pay more than most other fares. Jumper also states that three new drivers have been added.

Jumper reports the Human Resources contract began the first of April and she is very pleased with the contract. Jumper states that rides were down from January to February due to the weather but she expects to see the numbers increase beginning in April.

Jumper reports the transit will average 35 rides daily just from the Human Resources contract.

Jumper next reports the Governor is proposing a 5% cut in grants for next year.

Jumper states they are working with MCS on a contract they hope to begin in May. This contract would bring residents from outside Virginia, but within the county, to the food pantry. Cass - Schuyler Public Transit is also working with the Cass County Health Department to bring people to Virginia for access to programs offered by the Health Department.

Jumper states the safety and security manager will be meeting with all disaster relief teams in the area. This meeting will be to inform the relief teams of contact information, the vehicles available, and response times should a disaster occur. Jumper states there will also be in contact with Roger Lauder, E.S.D.A. coordinator, to give him all information pertaining to emergency situations.

Chairman Barnett next presents the appointment of Harold Nordsiek to the Beardstown Sanitary District.

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

Chairman Barnett next presents the appointment of Marc Carls to the Arenzville Fire Protection District.

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

Chairman Barnett next presents the IMRF Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

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

Chairman Barnett next presents the Ambulance Contracts for Eastern and Western Cass County for approval.

Schaefer questions why the contracts have gone from 14 month contracts to 12 month contracts. Chairman Barnett states the change was made because the contracts are now based on the city's fiscal year.

Brannan makes a motion to approve the contracts and Douglass seconds the motion. Chairman Barnett instructs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 next presents the recommendation by the Policies and Procedures Committee and the County Website Committee to hire Hanson Information Systems, Inc. for the Cass County Website Development Project.

Josh Millard reports hearing only good things about Hanson. Millard also states upon viewing examples of Hanson's website design he was very impressed and Hanson had the best price for the project.

Merriman makes a motion to approve the recommendation and Starkey seconds the motion. Chairman Barnett directs the clerk to call roll.

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Chairman Barnett next asks if there is any other new business to be discussed.

Douglass states there will be a combined mass disaster drill held behind the Ashland Fire Department on May 11, 2019.

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.

Douglass makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Millard 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 Schaefer. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

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

At approximately 7:45 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of May 13, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.