

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, May 13, 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:

Barnett	Present	Noe	Present	Schaefer	Present
Millard	Present	Hagloch	Present	Merriman	Present
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Hance	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.

During public comment, Hal Carlock and Dave Balance both expressed their concerns.

Clerk Wessel reads the minutes from the Special Emergency County Board meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2019.

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

Chairman Barnett presents the minutes from the April 08, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

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

Under correspondence, the Clerk states that we received a request from Dustin Fritsche, O.E.D.C. Coordinator for a contribution from the county. Last year the county made a contribution of \$1,858.50 to O.E.D.C. A motion to approve a contribution of \$1,858.50 again this year is made by Schaefer and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk also received a letter from John Chambers in regards to the appointments to the Beardstown Rural Fire District which will be presented for approval under new business.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met and approved all bills as presented. The committee also approved the request made by Sheriff Ohrn for new carpet squares in the Sheriff's office.

Hagloch reports Road and Bridge met on May 6, 2019 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met April 23, 2019.

Animal Control met on April 23, 2019. Eighteen dogs were picked up, five dogs were returned to their owners, one dog was adopted and twelve dogs were euthanized. The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2019.

Merriman reports Cass Rural Water met April 21, 2019, and agreed to raise the water rates. There will be a 50 cent increase

on the first 1,000 gallons used and an increase of 35 cents on each additional 1,000 gallons used.

Brannan reports the Housing Authority Board met on April 17, 2019. Brannan states that Steve Horton discussed the property tax, insurance and an agreement for the use of the pool for residents living at Sagebrook Estates.

Brannan reports that 19 of the 20 houses at Sagebrook Estates are currently occupied and there are 19 school age children.

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Brannan, Liason for the Health Board, states that the Health Department Administrator, Teresa Armstrong reported that they have collected \$26,744.09 in the past twelve months for Hospice.

Armstrong has also applied for a Behavioral Health Grant in the amount of \$145,000.

The next Public Safety and Environment Committee meeting will be held on May 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met on April 15, 2019.

Merriman reports that they discussed increasing the salary for the board of review. The increase will be presented at the budget meetings in July.

Merriman also states that Crista Stanbridge is currently in Bloomington for testing. The next meeting will be held May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Millard reports the Policies and Procedures Committee met and discussed the development of the website.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports the committee met April 22, 2019 and approved all bills. The May E-9-1-1 meeting has been moved up to May 20, 2019 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Schaefer, Liason for Arenzville Rural Water, states they met April 16, 2019 and updated the bylaws, signed papers for rural development and plan to work on getting the easements signed for phase 3. The next meeting will be held May 21, 2019.

Noe, Liaison for O.E.D.C., reports they met April 25, 2019. Noe states that Brian Becker and Dustin Fritsche have been working on grants for the Beardstown Fire Department.

Noe, reports that a group of U of I students are conducting a study on skateboarding parks, asian carp and the dredging project.

Noe, also reports that the Beardstown Mayor is working on having a walking path that leads to JBS and Walmart.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports they met April 17, 2019. Schaefer reports that the new building in Jacksonville has not opened yet.

Schaefer also reports that the transportation agreement with WCMTD is working out very well.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

Cooperative Extension

O.E.D.C. Tourism

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The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents the appointments to Cass County Board of Review, Cass County Board of Review Advisory Board, Jobs Creek Drainage and Levee District, Cass County E-9-1-1, Beardstown Rural Fire District, West Central Mass Transit Board, Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District. Douglass makes the motion to approve the appointments and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for approval. Noe makes the motion to approve the ordinance and Wessel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Tim Icenogle presents the Contract Bonds for County and Township Projects from MFT Letting for approval.

Merriman makes the motion to approve the Contract Bonds and Millard seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The next item under new business is a Resolution for Budget Transfers thru Various Funds and Departments.

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

Chairman Barnett would like to extend his appreciation for all of the effort put forth by the Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District including Tim Icenogle, County Highway

Engineer, Roger Lauder, ESDA Director, Sheriff Devron Ohrn and newly appointed member Kim Hance.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Noe and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett presents the approval of claims. A motion to approve the claims is made by Hagloch and seconded by Millard. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett instructs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Hance	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.

At approximately 7:41 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 10, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.