

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2018

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: David E. Parish
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish, who directed the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

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

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for board members Lynn and Wessel.

Chairman Parish states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Parish then opens the floor for public comment.

David Ballance, resident of Bluff Springs, addresses the board regarding the vacancy on the board. Ballance asks Chairman Parish if a solution has been found for the missing board member. Parish answers that yes the problem has been solved and will be addressed later in the meeting. Ballance then states that he believes he is owed an apology from Chairman Parish for reporting to the newspaper that he believes Ballance may have an ulterior motive for questioning the vacancy on the board. Ballance points out that he has not filed a petition and that he has a form of

deferral questioning the honesty of Chairman Parish for directing all questions back to Ballance himself. Chairman Parish thanks Ballance for his comments.

The Clerk next reads the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Cass County Board Meeting.

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

The Chairman directs the Clerk to read the Correspondence.

There being no action taken the correspondence is ordered filed.

Chairman Parish next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Clerk Wessel, reporting for the Courthouse and Jail committee, reports the committee met on February 8, 2018 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch reports the Road and Bridge committee met on February 5, 2018 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met January 22, 2018.

Merriman, reporting for Cass Rural Water, reports they are still working on obtaining easements. One of the easements is coming from Canada and may take some time. Construction should begin in early spring.

Merriman reports Animal Control met January 25, 2018. There were 11 dogs picked up, 4 returned to their owners, 3 adopted and 4 were euthanized.

Brannan, reporting for Housing, reports that they met January 18, 2018. Laymon Carter reported on the new property in Virginia. Laymon Carter states that he had signed a loan for \$550,000. Carter reported that upon completion of the project, the Housing Authority will only owe \$27,500. Ground breaking is set for March. Laymon Carter reported that Mt. Sterling Housing Authority has shown interest in the same type of housing project. Laymon Carter also stated that he met with the Rushville City Council on January 26, 2018 as they are also interested in this type of housing project. Brannan states that if both Mt. Sterling and Rushville move forward with a Housing project, the Cass County Housing Authority would receive a payment as an overseer.

Riverside had two evictions and one of the tenants has requested a hearing to challenge the eviction. Ashland had one eviction for having unauthorized individuals living there. Brannan reports that the lawsuit is proceeding and that Steve will be back in April. April 1st begins the smoking ban for HUD properties.

Brannan, reporting for the Health Board, reports the committee met January 24, 2018 at Good Times. The credentials for Donna Givens were approved as the new Behavioral Health Coordinator at the Health Department. Interviews are taking place at the Beardstown office for an LPN or medical assistant. On April 21, 2018 the Elks will be hosting the hospice benefit. February through April the senior nursing students from Mac Murray College will be working with the Home Health and Hospice nurses every Thursday for 12 weeks. Merriman states the next meeting will be held on February 26, 2018.

Chairman Parish states that the UCCI Annual Legislative Reception in Springfield is approaching. He encourages the board members to attend.

Merriman, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met January 29, 2018. Board of Review is in session from January 30th to February 22nd on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A new employee has been hired to fill the open position. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The Clerk states that she will share the changes from the Policies and Procedures meeting with all officers to ensure there is no conflict and have them sign off.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1-, reports they met January 22, 2018 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, reporting for Arenzville Rural Water, reports that they are still looking into Phase 3. They have a new engineer named Ron Paul taking over the project. A possible tie in may occur by the Beardstown airport near Arenzville Road and continue to residents on Stock Lane and also include a hog unit. They will follow up with residents on Star Lane to see if they are still interested.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., states they met on January 25, 2018. The next big group meeting will take place in Ashland with a tour of Jim Edgar Park. Beardstown River Rat golf outing will take place on February 24, 2018. Billy's Bargain Barn furniture store will be opening next to Dollar General in Beardstown. LLCC is looking for a janitor.

Schaefer, reports the Mental Health Board met January 13, 2018 and approved a financial update. They discussed staff updates and have had some resignations. A new counselor was hired. The New to You store is doing well.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Resource Conservation

O.E.D.C. Tourism

Beardstown T.I.F.

Cooperative Extension

MCS Community Services

The Board next moves on to new business.

The Clerk presents the appointments to the Cass Rural Water District No 1. Kerry Johnston will be replacing Bill Kilby. Brannon makes the motion to approve the appointment and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish states that he has received a letter of resignation from Eva Lynn from County Board District No. 1.

Parish states that Eva Lynn has served long and faithfully and wants to commend Lynn for her many years of service to the Cass County Board. Douglass makes a motion to accept Lynn's resignation with regret and Barnett seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Parish next recommends the appointment of Larry Gabbert to fill the vacancy in County Board District No. 1 Barnett makes a motion to approve the appointment of Larry Gabbert and

Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Highway Engineer, spoke about contacting U of I director, Aaron Dufelmeier, about the new extension coming this spring. He recommended that the Cass County board show its support.

Pictometry had a two flight contract and with a 1 year extension. The flight is coming up this spring. They plan to start flying after the snow clears and before leaf on. The Changefinder software quote is dependent upon the number of parcels. The quote came in at just under \$6000. Barnett makes a motion to adjust the contract amount to \$6000 and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle next recommends to move forward with signing an agreement for the estimate of metal culverts at a cost of \$48,185.98. Merriman makes a motion for the board to authorize Icenogle to sign the agreement and Noe seconds. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle reports that a donation in the total amount of \$50,000 has been received from Valley Drainage and Levy District (\$6500), and South Beardstown Drainage Levee District in support of flood fighting efforts. Brannan makes a motion to accept the donation and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Death Examiner, Maintenance Engineer, State's Attorney, and Public Defender. A motion to receive the reports is made by Merriman and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

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

At approximately 7:46 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 12, 2018 is made by Schafer and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.