

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, September 9, 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	Absent	Douglass	Present	Hance	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes from the August 12, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

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

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to read the correspondence.

The Clerk reads a letter of resignation from Circuit Clerk, Chere K. Garner. The resignation will be effective October 14, 2019.

The Clerk next reads a letter from the Republican Party Chairman, Terry Blakeman. In his letter, Mr. Blakeman recommends appointing Brad Parlier to fill the vacancy created by Chere K. Garner's resignation.

Circuit Clerk Garner addresses the Board.

Garner states she began her employment in the Circuit Clerk's Office in February of 1986. Garner has enjoyed working in the office, and has seen many changes over the years. Garner expresses her gratitude to the board for their support.

Garner also states she hopes the board will unanimously approve the appointment of Brad Parlier to fill her vacancy next month.

Chairman Barnett thanks Garner for all of the work she has done and wishes her the best in her retirement.

Barnett states an appointment to fill the vacancy of the Circuit Clerk will be presented to the board at the October board meeting.

(See Attached Letters)

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on September 5, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports they met on September 5, 2019 and approved all bills. A special meeting was held on August 20th to award bids for the new County Highway Building.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met August 28, 2019. Merriman, reports that the water rates are lower following negotiations with the City of Virginia. Merriman states that Cass Rural Water had a profit of \$8300 last month. There was also a 7% water loss.

Animal Control met on August 22, 2019. They did not have a quorum. Trayce Johnson, Animal Control Warden, reported that she picked up thirteen dogs, four were returned to their owners, 1 was adopted and 8 were euthanized.

Brannan, Liaison for the Health Board, reports they met on August 25, 2019. Brannan states there are no active cases of TB in Cass County.

Brannan reports that the Health Department has been awarded the SUDMA Supplemental Award in the amount of \$110,000, the Integrated Behavioral Supplement Award in the amount of \$167,000, and the 2019 Quality Award in the amount of \$79,676.

Brannan reports the Health Department is providing education on vaping.

Board Member Merriman states he has heard good reports about the Health Department's new doctor.

Chairman Barnett reports the County Treasurer, Travis Cox, has prepared the budget and levies for tentative approval at the October board meeting.

Barnett reports that he and board member Hagloch will be meeting with the Illinois FOP Labor Council to discuss the new contract. Barnett hopes to finalize the FOP contract by the October County board meeting.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met on August 19, 2019. Merriman reports the Beacon Website has been updated.

Merriman states the next Supervisor of Assessment's meeting will be held September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Millard, reporting for the Policies and Procedures Committee, reports that there is still data being entered on the website. The committee is hoping the website can go live by December 1, 2019.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports they met on September 26, 2019 and approved all bills. He also states the Dispatching Contract was approved by the E-9-1-1 board.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water, reports that their rates were also lowered after negotiations with the City of Virginia.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports Dustin Fritsche attended the Lincoln Land Community College Open House and Active Shooter Presentation.

Noe also reports a new Dollar General Store is going to be constructed soon on Duncan Street and IL Route 125 in Virginia.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports the board met on August 22, 2019. The board discussed staff turnover and what they can do to keep staff employed longer.

Schaefer states a Candlelight Vigil for Suicide Awareness was held September 8, 2019.

Barnett next gives the Chairman's report.

Chairman Barnett reports he met with several representatives from Savion and the South Beardstown Drainage Commissioners at the Beardstown Museum. Barnett states when the Solar Ordinance was passed, the setback was 240 feet from any drainage ditch but could be reduced by request if agreed upon by the Drainage District. The setback seems to be the only outstanding issue.

Barnett states a second meeting was held at the Cass County Highway Department with the Savion representatives, Tim Icenogle, County Highway Engineer and Denzil Lorton, Cass County Zoning Officer. Maps and general procedures were reviewed and the setbacks were worked out.

Icenogle also showed the representatives from Savion how to navigate the beacon website and they appreciated it's user friendliness.

The Chairman next reports that he recieved a check in the amount of \$2,000 from Western Grain Management and a check in the amount of \$325 from Cass Communications for the ambulance services.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Liquor Control

Legislative

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

Coop. Ext.

Beardstown TIF

O.E.D.C. Tourism

The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents the following appointments for approval: Brock Rohn and Jarod M. Stock, to the South Beardstown Drainage and Levee District, Dale Milstead to the South Sangamon Drainage and Levee District, John S. Hardwick to the Clear Creek Special Drainage District, Ronald H. Kuhlmann to the Clear Lake Special Drainage District, Douglas A. Hobrock to Hager Slough Special Drainage District and Lost Creek Drainage and Levee District, Neri Hernandez to Cass County Health Board, and Kerry Johnston, Bob Walker, Laymon Carter, Rich Logsdon, Ross Brockhouse, Tim Bell, and Jeff Cosner to Cass Rural Water District No. 1.

Merriman makes a motion to approve all the appointments, and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See attached appointments)

Clerk Wessel presents the Cass County Trustee Resolutions for approval. Douglass makes a motion to approve the Resolutions and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

Under other new business, Chairman Barnett states that UCCI has provided two model ordinances for the county board to consider approving.

Barnett suggests postponing the presentation and approval of any ordinances until the state legislators veto session has ended.

The county will continue a zero tolerance policy.

The Clerk presents the monthly reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance Engineer.

Schaefer makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Noe 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 Hagloch and seconded by Douglass. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes	Hance	Absent
Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Absent	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.

At approximately 7:44 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of October 14, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk