

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2019

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Court Room, on Monday, October 14, 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	Absent
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 except for Board Member Merriman.

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett introduces Janet Martin.

Martin speaks to the Board about the Cass County Food Pantry.

Martin states that the food pantry has been operating for 30 years. Jo Ann Anderson has been in charge of the food pantry from the beginning and she volunteers about 35 hours a week to complete all of the paperwork and grant applications.

Martin would like to recommend that the Cass County Board honor Jo Ann Anderson for all of the time and effort she put in to help provide for the less fortunate constituents of Cass County.

Martin states that about 250 baskets containing 4-5 meals are given out each month. The Cass County Food Pantry had to close on September 18th because they ran out of food. Jo Ann Anderson has reached out to the communities for support. They would like to raise \$30,000.00 to purchase 45,000 pounds of food. This amount of food would get them through the holidays.

Noe makes a motion that the board donate \$1000 to the Cass County Food Pantry and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Cass County Board Meeting for approval.

Schaefer 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.

Clerk Wessel states that she received a letter about the LIHEAP Energy Assistance Program. Each board member has been given a copy of the letter so that if they are approached by a citizen needing assistance they will have the information to give to that individual.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the Committee met on October 10, 2019 and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports they met on October 7, 2019 and approved all bills.

Brannan, Liaison for the Housing Board, reports they met on September 9, 2019. Brannan reports that Delbert Mueller has resigned from the Housing Board.

Brannan also reports that there is going to be an increase in the housing rates.

Brannan reports the Health Department Board met on September 25, 2019. Brannan reports a new dentist and medical assistant have been hired. Brannan also reports that a new alarm system has been installed.

Highway Engineer, Tim Icenogle reports that ESDA Director Roger Lauder has reached out to areas impacted by flooding to finalize funding.

Chairman Barnett reports the Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the courthouse.

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 before the Finance Committee meeting on October 21, 2019.

Barnett, reporting for the Supervisor of Assessments Committee reports that counties now have the option of designating 1/4 of the county to be assessed each year, instead of assessing the entire county for the quadrennial assessment.

Barnett states that a resolution dividing the county into four assessment districts would need to be approved by the county board. Barnett shares with the board a copy of a tentative resolution on the assessment option.

Board Member Millard, reporting for the Policies and Procedures Committee, reports he would like to schedule a meeting

to view the website and determine what additions or changes need to be made.

Millard reports that he attended a meeting on Rural Connectivity with the USDA in Washington D.C. Millard met with Darin LaHood to discuss the need for a Broadband/Cell towers in the county. They also discussed the 2020 Census.

Hagloch, reporting for E-9-1-1, reports the board met on September 23, 2019 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, Liaison for MCS, reports they met on September 19, 2019. An election of officers was held and all officers remained the same.

Schaefer states Tammy Lonagan is stepping down from her position as Director of Housing. Lonagan will remain the director of LIHEAP.

Schaefer, Liaison for Arenzville Rural Water, reports that they are moving forward with easements.

Wessel reports attending a meeting for Cooperative Extension in Winchester on September 26, 2019. Schaefer also attended the meeting. A slide show on 4-H was presented.

Schaefer, Liaison for the Mental Health Board, reports the board met on September 18, 2019. Stacey Rock was the presenter for the meeting because Diana Feigl was on vacation. The board discussed a few changes to policies & procedures. A new Adult Daycare Program has been started to help alleviate stress and financial burdens on caregivers.

The Jacksonville facility has experienced some zoning issues, but should be opening soon.

Barnett next gives the Chairman's report.

Chairman Barnett reports that he received the Eastern Cass County Ambulance report that shows an \$117,000 profit.

Barnett reports an \$800 check was received from UCCI for reimbursement for attending two UCCI meetings.

Barnett states he has met with Sheriff Ohrn to discuss the FOP contract. At the meeting Ohrn also mentioned the need for a K-9 Unit/Officer.

Sheriff Ohrn now addresses the Board.

Ohrn states that the drug problem throughout Cass County is terrible. He states a dog would be very beneficial to the county by assisting with drug arrests as well as locating missing or fleeing people. He states the county has borrowed Beardstown's dog on multiple occasions, but the Beardstown dog is not always available for the county to use.

Ohrn states that County Officer Jeff Smith is willing to take on the task of becoming the K-9 Unit Officer.

Ohrn states there is a drug fund available to help cover some of the costs. The main costs will be for the car, training and the equipment.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Liquor Control

Legislative

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Beardstown TIF

O.E.D.C.

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The Board now moves on to new business.

Chairman Barnett presents the resignation letter of Cass County Circuit Clerk, Cherie Kay Garner.

Douglass makes a motion to accept the resignation with regret and sincere gratitude and Brannan seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Letter of Resignation)

The Chairman next presents the appointment of Brad Parlier to the position of Acting Cass County Circuit Clerk.

Millard makes a motion to approve the appointment and Wessel seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

The Chairman next presents the appointment of H.O. Brownbeck to the Western Illinois Economic Development Authority Board of Directors for a term ending in 2025. Douglass makes a motion to approve the appointment and Wessel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman presents the appointment of Gale Kleinschmidt to the New Pankey Pond Special Drainage District for a term ending September 2022. Noe make a motion to approve the appointment and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List Appointment)

Clerk Wessel presents the "Amended" 2020 Holiday Calendar for approval. Starkey makes a motion to approve the "Amended 2020 Holiday Calendar and Millard seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Amended 2020 Holiday Calendar)

The Clerk next presents the 2019-2020 Cass County Budget and Levies for tentative approval. Hagloch makes a motion to tentatively approve the Budget and Levies and Douglass seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Absent
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 next presents the 2020 Dispatching Contract for approval. Hagloch makes a motion to approve the 2020 Dispatching Contract and Schaefer seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Contract)

The Chairman presents for approval the recommendation to contract with Hanson Engineering for the Courthouse Electrical Evaluation.

Highway Engineer, Tim Icenogle states the wiring is very outdated. He recommends contracting with Hanson Engineering.

Douglass makes a motion to approve the recommendation and Starkey seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Brannan	Yes	Wessel	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states all members present have voted in the affirmative except for Hagloch. Board member Hagloch abstained from voting. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

Clerk Wessel presents the Cass County Trustee Resolution for approval. Wessel makes a motion to approve the Resolution and Brannan seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Millard	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Schaefer	Yes
Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Absent
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.

(See Attached Resolution)

Starkey suggests that the County Board consider making a donation for the Drug Dog. Chairman Barnett states that the contribution can be discussed at the Finance Meeting.

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

Noe makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Schaefer 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.

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Starkey	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Absent
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 7:52 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of November 11, 2019 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk