

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2020

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, May 11, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnett, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Absent	Schaefer	Present
Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present	Massie	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

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

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting held on April 13, 2020 and the Special Board Meetings held on April 21, 2020, April 24, 2020, May 1, 2020 and May 8, 2020 to the board for approval. Merriman makes a motion to approve all sets of minutes and Hagloch seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under correspondence, Clerk Wessel reads a letter from the recording software company, Fidlar Technologies, thanking the County Clerk for her efforts and partnership during these trying

times. Fidljar would like to make a \$500 donation to the charity of the County Clerk's choice. Clerk Wessel chose the Cass County Food Pantry as the recipient of the donation.

Chairman Barnett reports he received correspondence from Savion Corporation and they would like to make a large donation to a charity in Cass County. Barnett provided the contact information for Joanne Anderson and Kelly Cagle of the Cass County Food Pantry.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on May 7, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on May 4, 2020 and approved all bills. Hagloch reports that the new building is complete. A \$120,000 payment to the contractor was approved. Tim Icenogle reported at the committee meeting that he did a walk thru with the general contractor and a small punch list will need to be completed.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports that the committee met via telephone conference on April 27, 2020. The meeting in May has been moved to Tuesday, May 26, 2020, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, states the commission met on April 23, 2020. Merriman states there have been several calls about sick raccoons around Ashland. Merriman reports that the Animal Control Officer has been told not to respond to calls outside of the corporate limits.

Merriman reports that an Animal Control employee was exposed to COVID 19 while responding to a call.

Merriman reports the employee called the Cass County Health Department and informed them of the incident. The employee did not have any symptoms of COVID-19, therefore, they were not required to be tested or quarantined.

During the Legislative report, Barnett states that he sent a letter to Governor Pritzker and State Legislative leaders requesting the approval to allow counties to use Special Revenue Funds for budget shortfalls created by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and potentially reduce property tax levies next year.

A bill has been drafted with the content of the letter. Barnett hopes the bill is presented and approved during the legislative session at the end of May.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, states the committee met on April 20, 2020. Merriman reports that the Assessor's office received 188 property tax complaints with 138 of the complaints coming from taxpayers in Beardstown. The next meeting will be held May 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m.

Schaefer, Liason of the Arenzville Rural Water Co-Op, reports they met on April 21, 2020. The Co-Op continues to work on phase 3.

Schaefer, Liason of the Mental Health Board, reports that the employees continue to assist clients by phone or email. Schaefer states a few of the employees have been laid off.

Hagloch, reports that E-9-1-1 met on April 27, 2020. This was the first meeting since January 27, 2020. All bills were approved for payment.

Hagloch reports that a technology grant in the amount of \$126,000 was applied for and Vicki has received a verbal confirmation that \$119,241.00 will be awarded to Cass County E-9-1-1. Hagloch also reported on the call volume for the months of January, February and March.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing
 Health Department
 Insurance & Bonds
 Finance and Judiciary
 Economic Development
 Liquor Control Committee
 Cass Rural Water
 Policies and Procedures
 MCS
 Cooperative Extension
 OEDC Tourism
 TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Chairman presents the appointment of Harold Kuhlmann to the Cass County Board of Review. Harold Kuhlmann has served on the Board of Review for 50 plus years. Barnett suggests presenting Harold Kuhlmann with a Proclamation in honor of Harold's many years of service. A motion to approve the appointment of Harold Kuhlmann is made by Schaefer and seconded by Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Absent	Schaefer	Yes
Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes	Massie	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 Clerk presents the next appointments to the County Farmland Committee for Assessment Review, Beardstown Rural Fire District, Arenzville Fire Protection District, E-9-1-1 Board and Cass Rural Water Board District No.1. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Massie. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

MAY 2020 APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Harold Kuhlman	Cass County Board of Review	May 2022
Roger Hendricker	County Farmland Committee for Assessment Review	May 2023
Gary Hish	County Farmland Committee for Assessment Review	May 2023
Bob Hardwick	County Farmland Committee for Assessment Review	May 2023
Christopher McClenning	Beardstown Rural Fire District	May 2023
Mike Crawford	Arenzville Fire Protection District (Morgan Co Rep)	May 2023
Roger Lauder	E-9-1-1 Board	May 2023
David Bunfill	E-9-1-1 Board	May 2023
Pat Blair	E-9-1-1 Board	May 2023
Kerry Johnston	Cass Rural Water Board District No. 1	May 2025
Bob Walker	Cass Rural Water Board District No. 1	May 2025

Chairman Barnett next gives a brief update on COVID-19. Barnett had received an update from Teresa Armstrong, Director of Cass County Health Department and she reported that Cass County had 56 positive cases, 25 have recovered from the virus and 1 person in their 50's was hospitalized but was not on a ventilator.

The Clerk next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Maintenance, Death Examiner and Zoning Officer. Merriman makes a motion to receive the monthly reports and Hance 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 Douglass and seconded by Massie.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massie	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	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 7:30 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 8, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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