

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2020

Special Board Meeting

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, March 23, 2020 at the hour of 7:30 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
Massie	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.

Teresa Armstrong gives an update on the Coronavirus COVID-19. Armstrong states that Cass County currently has no active cases. Armstrong reports there are 1,285 confirmed cases and 12 deaths in 31 counties, in the State of Illinois.

E.S.D.A. Director, Roger Lauder, reports that he has been working closely with Teresa Armstrong and County Board Chairman Mike Barnett. A teleconference was held with all of the Mayors, E-9-1-1, Mass Transit, JBS and the School Districts.

Lauder has ordered and received Tyvek Suits to have for the medical community and first responders in Cass County.

Lauder states that declaring disaster in Cass County will allow the local businesses in Cass County to receive any funds and/or services that might become available as a result of this pandemic.

Chairman Barnett presents a Proclamation to Declare Cass County a Disaster Area. Brannan makes a motion to extend the Proclamation for 90 days and approve the Proclamation. Douglass seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Hance	Yes	Barnett	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massie	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starker	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative.

The Chairman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Proclamation)

PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER IN CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19 including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, lung disease or, compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, **CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS** is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks to the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

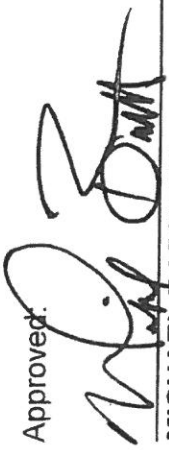
WHEREAS, it is the policy of **CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS** to be prepared to address any disasters and therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional resources within **CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS** available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in **CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS** remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, via this proclamation the Cass County Health Department will further develop the health and safety annex of the Cass County EOP to address issues associated with the COVID-19 virus. In addition Cass County will assist the residents of **CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS** by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE I, MICHAEL BARNETT, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **CASS COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN** of, **CASS COUNTY, Illinois**, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, proclaim that a disaster exists within **CASS COUNTY, Illinois**.

This proclamation is effective on 20 March 2020 and shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the **CASS COUNTY BOARD**.

Approved:



MICHAEL BARNETT
CASS COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Attest:



SHELLY WESSEL
CASS COUNTY CLERK

Barnett states that purchasing and adding large tents to our inventory incase drive by testing sights become necessary in Cass County has been discussed.

Tyler Lathom of the Ashland Fire Department is looking into the various options for a device that will take a person's temperature from a distance.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., is made by Merriman and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.


Shelly Wessey
Cass County Clerk

