

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2020

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, June 8, 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
Massey	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Absent
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	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 introduces Teresa Armstrong, Administrator of the Cass County Health Department.

Armstrong gives an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic and presents handouts from The Illinois Department Public Health and the CDC. Armstrong states that Cass County currently has 74 cases. Cass County has the 14th highest case rate per capita. The State of Illinois currently has 128,000 cases and 6,000 deaths. The Health Department continues to work with JBS, Passavant, ESDA, and the Fire and Police

Departments. The Health Department is currently testing 5-10 people per day. They are not conducting any antibody testing at this time. Armstrong state the guidance continues to change as experts learn more about the virus.

Kevin Massey thanks Armstrong for the great job that she and everyone at the Health Department are doing to keep the virus contained.

Armstrong states that JBS has taken this very seriously and has done everything that they have been asked to do.

Merriman thanks Armstrong for keeping everyone updated.

Chairman Barnett states that Todd Volker from the US Census Bureau is unable to attend tonight's meeting and hopes to make it to board meeting in July.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting held on May 11, 2020 and the Special Board Meetings held on May 15, 2020, and May 22, 2020 to the board for approval. Schaeffer makes a motion to approve all sets of minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under correspondence, Clerk Wessel would like to remind the board of the Satellite Budget Meeting on June 26, 2020 and the Officer's Budget Meeting on July 24, 2020.

Clerk Wessel states that Senate Bill SB1863 declares November 3, 2020, "2020 General Election Day" and will be a State and School Holiday.

The County Clerk will be required to mail Vote by Mail applications to all voters from the last three elections as well as new and updated registrations by August 1, 2020. Clerk Wessel reports that Cares Act Funds will help cover the cost of mailing the applications and the Vote by Mail Ballots.

Clerk Wessel states that she will be putting a notice in the newspaper and on the county website with information about voting by mail to help ease voter's minds.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on June 4, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on June 1, 2020 and approved all bills. Kevin Lightfoot is still developing plans for the Courthouse Electrical Improvements.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports that the committee met on May 26, 2020.

The Cass Rural Water Board met on May 19, 2020 and held the election of officers. The officers will remain the same. Merriman states that a 7 ½ % water loss was reported.

The Animal Control Commission met on May 28, 2020. Tracy reported that there wasn't much going on.

Brannan, reports that the Housing Authority Board met on May 20, 2020. Brannan reports they broke ground at the Rushville Housing Project site. Cass County has received a check in the amount of \$32,188 for their assistance with the Schuyler County Housing Project.

Brannan reports that the Health Board met and went over a new vacation and return to work policy.

Franci Sweetin, Head of Environmental Health at the Cass County Health Department, sent letters to all businesses regarding rules and regulations when they open back up.

The Liquor Control Commission will be scheduling a meeting to discuss new ownership of Stop Light Liquors prior to renewing the application.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that they met on May 4, 2020. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020 via teleconference.

Chairman Mike Barnett reports that the Planning Commission approved to submit Savion's application for the solar farm to the Cass County Zoning Board of Appeals. The hearing will be held at the Beardstown High School Auditorium on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

If approved by the Cass County Zoning Board, the application will be submitted to the Cass County Board for approval at their meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Barnett reports that three applicants have been awarded the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Grant. The 88 Bar and Grill and Triple Creek Farms received \$25,000 and Kathy's Kitchen received \$15,700. Chairman Barnett and Treasurer Cox will be working on appeals on behalf of some of the businesses that were denied grant funds.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

MCS

Insurance & Bonds

E-9-1-1

Mental Health

OEDC Tourism

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Chairman Barnett announces the winners of the Cass County Board Citizen Scholarship. The winners are Emma Stone from A-C Central, Ruby Franshier, Raegan Krumboltz, Victor Reyna Solis, Zachary Watson and Marlene Rodriguez from Beardstown and Sara Evans and Anna Burrus from Triopia.

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Clerk presents the Appointments to Valley Drainage and Levee District and the Cass County Mental Health Board. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Merriman and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Clerk Wessel presents the Inventories of the County Clerk, County Board, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, State's Attorney, Law Library, Probation, E-9-1-1, ESDA, Supervisor of Assessments, Animal Control, Health Department, T.B., County Highway Department, Judge Wessel, Sheriff

A motion to receive the Inventories is made by Merriman and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventories)

The next item on the agenda is the Resolution Postponing Delinquency Date Interest for First Installment of 2019 (payable 2020) Property Tax Payments Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-27(C)

A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Hagloch.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Massey	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.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Chautauqua National Refuge Resolution is presented to the board by for approval. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Wessel 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.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk presents the Monthly Reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance. The motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Schaefer and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk presents the Semi-Annual Reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff. A motion to receive the Semi-Monthly Reports is made by Merriman and seconded by Hance.

The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Semi-Annual Reports)

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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Massey	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 7:38 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 13, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel

Clerk