

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2020

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, July 13, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett  
Chairman

Attest: Jeannie Harris  
Chief Deputy 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	Present
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.

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. Armstrong states that Cass County currently has 141 cases. An outbreak occurred at a Nursing Home Facility in Cass County and has resulted in 10 deaths. The residents are currently being retested every 3-7 days. Armstrong states that it is taking longer to get results due to the increase in testing. The Health Department continues to work with JBS,

Passavant, ESDA, Fire and Police Departments and all of the school districts. The Cass County Health Department has started hiring people for contact tracing. Anyone interested in applying can obtain employment information on the Cass County Health Department's website. The CCHD has moved their billing and payroll department to the Sweatman building. This provides space for the new employees hired for contact tracing to receive training on site.

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

Chairman Barnett introduces Courtney Timmons from Savion. Courtney discusses the Cass County Solar project and what it will mean for the county. This solar project is a \$100,000 - \$150,000 investment in Cass County. The project will provide \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in new tax revenue over the next 30 years. There will be 200+ temporary construction jobs and 2-5 new full time jobs. If the project is approved it is expected to be completed and operational in late 2022.

(See Attached Handouts)

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the regular County Board Meeting held on June 8, 2020. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under correspondence, Chief Deputy Harris states that the County Clerk's office has received several thank you notes from the Cass County Citizens Scholarship winners.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on July 9, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on July 6, 2020 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met but there is not much going on.

The Finance and Judiciary Committee will meet on Friday, July 24, 2020. The Elected and Appointed County Officers will present their budgets.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports that there were 12 dogs picked up, 7 were returned to their owners, 4 were adopted, and 1 was euthanized.

Brannan, reports that the Housing Authority Board met on June 18, 2020 and the Rushville Housing Project is still going good.

Brannan reports that the Health Board met to review the financial plan and conduct the election of officers.

The Liquor Control Commission is waiting on the back ground check of the new owner of Stop Light Liquors before they vote to renew the application. The license will expire on July 31, 2020

Hagloch reports that E-9-1-1 met on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that they met on June 15, 2020. All tax bills have been mailed out and the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020.

Noe reports that OEDC met on June 25, 2020 and reports that the Cass County Fair has been cancelled, public pools will not open and bank lobbies are still closed due to COVID-19. The public schools are scheduled to re-open this fall.

Schaefer, Chairman of Mental Health states that they are still conducting business online with some in person appointments.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Cass Rural Water

MCS

Insurance & Bonds

OEDC Tourism

TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chief Deputy Harris presents the Appointments to Arenzville Rural Water Coop, Cass County Health Board and Cass County Council on Aging Advisory Council. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett next presents a resolution for transferring funds. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hagloch and seconded by Hance.

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	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The next item on the agenda for approval is the Democratic and Republican Election Judges for 2020-2022.

A motion to approve the Election Judges for 2020-2022 is made by Merriman and seconded by Schaefer.

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	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached List of Election Judges)

The Holiday Schedule for 2020 with the addition of November 3, 2020, (2020 General Election Day) and the 2021 Holiday schedule are presented to the board for approval. A motion to approve both Holiday Schedules 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	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Holiday Schedules)

Chairman Barnett next presents the Application for Conditional Use Permit for the Solar Farm Project. A motion for approval 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	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached)



The Clerk presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Schaefer and seconded by Wessel. 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.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Massey	Yes	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	Brannan	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that 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 8:05 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of August 10, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel

Clerk