

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2021

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, May 10, 2021 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
Gibson	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	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 states that the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce is offering a photo session in Beardstown June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is available for officers and board members. This will be a good opportunity to put the pictures on the Counties website. County will pay for the individual's session. Hagloch made a motion to approve and Wessel seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Cass County Board Meeting held on April 12, 2021. Merriman makes a motion to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under correspondence, Clerk Wessel states she received a letter from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, stating they have approved the Cass County Probation Departments Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Probation Plan.

Clerk Wessel also wanted to remind everyone that the Satellite budget meeting will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10m and on July 30<sup>th</sup> officer's budget meeting will be held at 9am.

Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on May 6th and approved all bills.

Merriman, reports for Road and Bridge the committee met on May 3, 2021 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on April 26, 2021.

Animal control met on April 22, 2021. People are picking up dogs in unincorporated areas and it is becoming a problem.

Cass Rural Water met on April 20, 2021. They have had an 11% water loss had a meter that froze up. Grisby still not connected and IDNR is waiting for materials purchase. Coop - \$40,000 to get

it going in water district. 68% have responded to the alert notifications for water leaks, they are going wait and proceed after others respond. March profit was \$7869.00, with \$81,000 on hand.

Schaefer reports that Arenzville Rural Water met on April 20<sup>th</sup> and had a 44% water loss. Randy is not sure but thinks a hydrant somewhere is leaking. Pam Christianson, treasurer is moving so they are hiring Jeannette from Virginia City Hall. They need to appoint another member and Brian Burrus is interested in becoming a member. They are still working on easements, if people are not signed up by June they will not be getting on the water service. They are trying to get a map of the Rural Water and have it available on the website.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports the committee met on April 19, 2021. JBS is currently appraised at 11.8 million. Board of review met on April 21, 2021 and for 2021 they will use 10.6, 2021- 10.0, 2022 -9.5 and 9.25. That will get us thru to 2023 and solar farm should be up and going then. Next meeting to be held May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

Hagloch reports that E-9-1-1 met on April 26, 2021, and approved all bills.

Schaefer, states MCS has a meeting in June planned.

Noe, reporting for OEDC met on April 22, 2021. Kim Hance reports Valerie Leshre replacement Amber Alricks attended the meeting.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

Mental Health

OEDC Tourism

Beardstown TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the Appointments of Arenzville Fire Protection District, Cass County Board of Review, Cass County Board of Review Advisory Board, Cass County E-9-1-1, Cass Rural Water District No.1. A motion to approve the Appointments is made by Starkey seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator of the Cass County Health Department, presents an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Things are going pretty well, last week we reported 19 new cases in 1 week, they are finding this to be in the younger people. They are doing pop up clinics in Arenzville, Chandlerville, Ashland, and Beardstown. Not a lot of people have taken advantage of this. Had a pop up at Save-A-Lot in Beardstown and had 40 people. They will be at Catholic Hall in Virginia, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, conducting friends and family for JBS at the Union Hall on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cass County has 35% vaccinated, we fell behind on the state average this week, but are still in the top 20 counties.

Chairman Barnett next presents the Approval of Chautauqua Resolution. A motion to accept the Resolution is made by Douglass seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Yes	French	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)

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 Starkey and seconded by Hance. 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 Wessel and seconded by Schaefer.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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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 7:32 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 14, 2021 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk