

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2020

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, December 14, 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	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Absent		

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

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 Cass County had 31 new cases today. Cass County has a total of 1344 cases, and 27 deaths. The Cass County Health Department is seeing a spike in youth cases. This past week was Cass County's highest number of positive cases we have had so far.

Armstrong reports that the first doses of the vaccine will go to hospital workers, followed by the critical work force, EMS, pharmacies, teachers, dental staff, state officials and government employees. Armstrong estimates it will take 4-6 weeks before all of this will happen.

Chairman Barnett asks for public comment. Chuck and Holly Force are here to voice concern of their restaurant "Hollywood's" in Chandlerville. Their customers are taking their business to surrounding counties because these businesses were allowed to stay open. They state that their business will not make it if they are told they have to remain closed much longer. They want the board's backing if the Cass County Health Department was to come in and close them.

Barnett state that he understands their position. Everyone is sympathetic with you and all small businesses. Barnett will talk with Teresa to see if there is anything that can be done and still keep our citizens of Cass County safe.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting held on November 9, 2020 to the board for approval. Merriman 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 has a letter from Joyce Brannan former Board member, she would like to thank everyone for their support thru the years and wishes everyone the best.

Chairman Barnett states there is no new business.

Chairman Barnett next appoints the Committee on Credentials. Board members Wessel, Hagloch and Barnett are appointed and review the final election results. Hagloch, states that from the information the committee received they see no discrepancies.

The two new board members are welcomed to the board by Chairman Barnett, Aaron French and Cathy Gibson.

At approximately 7:43 p.m. with no other business to take place. Wessel moves that the old board adjourn "Sine Die" (which means without a day) and Hagloch seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

December 14, 2020

Statutory Meeting

Of

New Board

At approximately 7:48 p.m. the County Clerk, Shelly Wessel, calls the meeting to order.

The Clerk welcomes the newly elected board members, Aaron French and Cathy Gibson.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members are present.

Sheriff Devron Ohrn states the Cass County Board is now in session.

County Clerk, Shelly Wessel, as Acting Chairman, states the next order of business is to select a Temporary Chairman.

Merriman nominates Michael Barnett as Temporary Chairman and Douglass seconds the motion. A motion to close the nominations and elect Michael Barnett as Temporary Chairman is made by Schaefer and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

As Temporary Chairman, Michael Barnett asks for nominations to elect a Permanent Chairman of the Cass County Board. Douglass nominates Michael Barnett and Merriman seconds the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations and elect Michael Barnett as Permanent Chairman is made by Schaefer and seconded by Hagloch.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members have voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Barnett states the next order of business is to elect a Vice Chairman of the County Board. Schaefer nominates Hagloch and Wessel seconds the nomination. A motion to close the nominations and elect Charles Hagloch as Vice Chairman is made by Merriman and seconded by Douglass.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

Chairman Barnett voices his concern of needing a second Vice Chairman. He feels like it would be a good idea in the event that Chairman Barnett and Vice Chairman Hagloch are not able to attend a meeting. Douglass nominates Merriman and Starkey seconds the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations and elect Bill Merriman as Second Vice Chairman is made by Hagloch and seconded by Wessel.

Chairman Barnett next calls for reports from the standing committees:

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on December 10th, 2020, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on December 9th, 2020 and approved all bills. Hagloch reports that the new truck is in and had some problems with the truck are all worked out.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports that the committee met on November 23rd, 2020.

Animal Control met on November 19th, 2020 and did not have a quorum.

The Cass Rural Water Board met on November 17th, 2020 and Jim Edgar Panther Creek is a new customer. The water district has a positive balance now. The Rural Water Board deserves a lot of thanks for the success of the district.

The Liquor Control Commission met on December 10th, 2020 and approved the changing the shareholder name for liquor licenses for Stop Light Liquors. The shareholders name is Meet Patel.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that they met on November 16, 2020. Merriman reported that they ended up with 41 complaints will be looked at.

The next flyover is being scheduled for 2022 to allow the solar farm to be completed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020 via teleconference.

Policies and Procedures met to discuss guidance on pay for Covid-19.

Hagloch reports that E-9-1-1 met on November 23, 2020 and approved all bills. A new door at the sheriff's office has been installed, The fob reader has not been installed yet. 9-1-1 has lost 2 dispatchers. We currently have 3 fulltime, 2 part-time and Vicky. 3 people have been hired and are in training. The board voted to increase the hourly rate to \$15.00 an hour in hopes to keep employees in Cass County.

Hagloch stated that a meeting was held with the Beardstown City Mayor, Leslie Harris and Chief of Police, Martin Coad on the E-9-1-1 contract concerns. Beardstown is requesting more data. Next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2020. Chairman Barnett states that part of their concern with the contract is that they are paying more than the other communities in the county.

Schaefer, reporting for MCS states that he spoke with Tammy from MCS and they are still holding on. Housing repairs have been put on hold due to Covid-19.

Schaefer, Liason for Arenzville Rural Water reports they met on November 17, 2020. A large leak caused a 52% loss, trying to get 40 new easements at Tyhurst Farm to add to the project. It will be 3 months before they break ground.

Schaefer state that Mental Health met on November 18, 2020, The Thanksgiving dinner was cancelled due to Covid. Their yearly inspection has been rescheduled to next year.

Starkey reporting for the OEDC Tourism reports that a new Air BNB has opened in Beardstown.

Starkey d that the TIF committee met and they are going to try to restructure the committee and get people that will attend meetings so they have a quorum. A concern of the TIF committee is the housing storage.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Insurance & Bonds

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Clerk presents the Appointments to Cass County Zoning Officer, Cass County Death Examiner, Cass County Animal Control Administrator, Insurance Risk Manager, and E.S.D.A. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Schaefer and seconded by Starkey

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Next Chairman Barnett presents State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. A motion to for approval is made by Merriman and seconded by Schaefer.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Approval)

Cass County Engineer Tim Icenogle presents the Resolution Transferring Funds within the County Highway Fund. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hagloch and seconded by Starkey.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Icenogle presents approval for County Engineer Salary Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

Icenogle next presents Approval Agreement for County Engineer Salary. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Hagloch.

Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Icenogle presents the Cass County Highway Inventory. A motion to receive the inventory is made by Merriman and seconded by Schaefer.

(See Attached Inventory)

Next Chairman Barnett presents for approval County Officer's Bonds (Circuit Clerk, States Attorney) A motion to for approval is made by Hagloch and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Gibson	Present	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 members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is the Hutchison Engineering Various Service Contract and Artison Consulting Engineers LLC Various Service Contract. These items need to be tabled until January 2021 meeting.

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 Douglass 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 Wessel and seconded by Hagloch.

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 Douglass and seconded by Hance. Chairman Barnett directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Merriman	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Present		

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 8:33 p.m., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of January 11, 2020 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel

Clerk