

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2021

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, October 11, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
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	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 board members are present.

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

Chairman Barnett now leads the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Teresa Armstrong, Administrator of the Cass County Health Department, presents an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Armstrong states that the number of cases are declining in Cass County. To date Cass County has had 42 fatalities and there are currently 6 people in the hospital.

The Health Department continues to offer clinics weekly in both Virginia and Beardstown, as well as the pop-up clinics

throughout the county. Cass County has just under 51% vaccinated and the state vaccination rate is at 55.8%

Armstrong reports that the Pfizer booster is now available.

Chairman Barnett next reports that he met with Dianna Feigl, Administrator at New Hope and Recovery Center/Cass County Mental Health Association. The Mental Health Association's attorney sent Feigl a letter stating that there can be as many as 7 members on the Mental Health 708 Board. The Cass County Mental Health 708 Board currently has 5 members.

The Cass County Mental Health 708 Board was established as a result of the Community Mental Health Act introduced by the Illinois House Bill 708. The bill enables the county to collect and allocate money for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities services for Cass County citizens.

Bob Schaefer reports he spoke with Dianna Feigl today and Dianna stated that the attorney has recommended removing all current mental health board members and starting from scratch. Schaefer states that the former board included members with backgrounds in finance and substance abuse and they hope to be able to add some new members that have a background in mental health.

Schaefer also reports that the DT Program will not be reinstated because Feigl is having a hard time keeping staff for the existing programs.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the Cass County Board meeting held on September 13, 2021, for approval. Douglass moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports his committee met on October 7, 2021, and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on October 4, 2021 and approved all bills. Tim Icenogle was recognized for his 23 years of service.

Icenogle thanks the board for their support over the last 23 years.

Icenogle states that work on the Arenzville Road could start next week.

Icenogle reports he received the agreement between Pictometry International Corp. and Cass County for the next aerial photography project. The agreement includes straight down and oblique imagery. The first project is \$75,570, the second project is \$78,570 and the third project is \$78,570. Each project can be paid over a 3 year period. County Clerk Wessel has agreed to pay \$9,000 towards the project with GIS Recording Fees.

Icenogle recommended to the Road and Bridge Committee to present the agreement to the county board for approval. Merriman moves to approve the agreement and Hance seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call.

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

The Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on September 27, 2021.

Merriman reports the Cass Rural Water Board met on September 21, 2021. An inspection was completed by EPA.

Merriman, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they will meet on October 27, 2021. A meeting with Beardstown will be scheduled to discuss a new location for the dog pound.

Gibson reports that the Health Department Board adopted a mandatory vaccine policy and the Covid-19 testing has resumed in Beardstown. The Health Department is hiring contract tracers.

Barnett, reporting for the Finance and Judiciary Committee, reports he had a conversation with Sheriff Ohrn about the departments need for 4 new computers and cameras for the squad cars. Barnett recommended that Sheriff Ohrn go ahead and order the 4 new computers and cameras because it will take 4-5 months for the equipment to arrive. The cost of the computers and cameras can be paid from the ARPA funds.

Merriman reports that the Supervisor of Assessments Committee will meet on October 18 at 6:00pm.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on September 27, 2021 and approved all bills. Hagloch states he wants to clarify that the budgeted \$1 per hour increase is to help get salaries where they are competitive.

Schaefer, reports MCS met on September 23, 2021. The By-Laws were updated. Schaefer was elected Chairman and Cathy Gibson will replace Joyce Brannan on the board. A job fair was held on September 25, 2021.

Schaefer reporting for Arenzville Rural Water reports they have one more easement to get before they can bid the project.

Schaefer, reporting for the Mental Health Board, reports they will be meeting on September 15, 2021 at noon.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Legislative

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance

OEDC

OEDC Tourism

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the appointments to Cass County Planning Commission, Beardstown Regional Flood Prevention District, Overall Economic Development Commission and Old River Drainage and Levee District. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Gibson and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett presents the Regional Office of Education Intergovernmental Agreement for July 1, 2022 - June30, 2025. A motion to approve the agreement is made by Noe and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Barnett next presents for tentative approval the Cass County 2021-2022 Budget and Levies. A motion to tentatively approve the budget levies is made by Merriman and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call 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 Budget & Levies)

The Chairman 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 Douglass and seconded by Gibson. 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 French and seconded by Hance.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Chairman Barnett states there are no matters to discuss in Executive Session.

At approximately 7:41 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of November 8, 2021 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk