

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2022

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, February 14, 2022 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 of the Cass County Health Department, presents an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. Armstrong states that Cass County is in a much better place. The number of active cases went from 345 in one week to only 30 active cases as of today. The number of hospitalizations has also improved.

The Health Department is still offering 2 vaccination clinics per week.

Cass County has had 51 fatalities and there is currently 1 person in the hospital.

Schools are doing much better but still conducting the "Test to Stay"

The Health Department continues to offer clinics weekly alternating between offices in Virginia and Beardstown, as well as the pop-up clinics throughout the county. The fully vaccinated rate for Cass County is 58.55%.

Armstrong states that the state mask mandate ends on February 28, 2022.

Chairman Barnett next presents the minutes of the January 10, 2021, Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on February 10, 2022, and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on February 7, 2022 and approved all bills. Icenogle praised his crew for the snow removal.

Merriman reports the Animal Control Commission met on January 27, 2022. Mayor Harris and County Board Chairman Barnett attended the meeting. Merriman states they are searching for a location in Beardstown for Animal Control.

Merriman reports the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on January 24th. The assessments for Newmansville Township were left out of the publication in the Cass County Gazette. The date to publish was extended and the deadline to file complaints was extended to February 19th. The Assessor's office have received 30 complaints to far. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met remotely on January 24, 2022 and approved all bills.

Schaefer reports Arenzville Rural Water met on January 18, 2022. A 12% water loss was reported.

Wessel attended the Cooperative Extension meeting in Carrollton on February 10, 2022. Cass County has the second highest number of new 4-H members. The next meeting will be held in Winchester on March 24, 2022.

Chairman Barnett reports that BLH Computers will be conducting a county wide electronic cleanup on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in each community in Cass County.

Barnett would like one county board member and one community representative to be present at the drop off location to make sure only Cass County residents are participating in the free service. Residents living outside of Cass County may drop off their electronics for a \$20 fee.

Barnett next reports that Scott Lummis has accepted a position in Quincy. Lummis has submitted a letter of resignation as Cass County Death Examiner effective February 28, 2022.

Barnett reached out to Sheriff Devron Ohrn about filling the position of Interim Death Examiner and Sheriff Ohrn is willing to accept the position.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Transit

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

OEDC Tourism

TIF

Liquor Control

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents for approval the resignation of Scott Lummis as Cass County Death Examiner. Lummis's last day will be February 28th. A motion to receive the resignation is made by Merriman and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval the appointment of Devon Ohrn as Interim Cass County Death Examiner. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Douglass and seconded by Merriman.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call 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		

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 next presents the appointment of Brant Privia to the Jobs Creek Drainage District.

A motion to approve the appointment is made by Wessel and seconded by Hagloch. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett next presents for approval the Petit/Grand Jury Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Schaefer and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett states that the board recommends having the county employees use personal time for any absences due to COVID-19 beginning February 16, 2022. A motion to approve the board recommendation is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman next 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 Merriman 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 Wessel and seconded by Hance.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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At approximately 7:34 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of March 14, 2022 is made by Gibson and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk