

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, May 9, 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	Absent	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 presents the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Cass County Board meeting for approval. Merriman moves to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on May 5, 2022, and approved all bills as presented.

Hagloch, reporting for the Road and Bridge Committee, reports the committee met on May 2, 2022 and approved all bills.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, met on April 25, 2022.

Cass Rural Water Board met on April 19, 2022. The board discussed delinquent accounts. Eric Hayes has replaced Jennette Lacy as the Treasurer of the board. The board approved a slight rate increase.

The Animal Control Commission met on April 29, 2022. The members discussed the new dog pound and the budget for part-time employees.

Starkey, reports TIF received an application from the Elks in the amount of \$27,000 for a new roof and Myers and Myers in the amount of \$14,531 for a new roof.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessment's Committee, reports they met on April 18, 2022. Terri Cooper attended classes in Bloomington. The flyover is complete and the new layer of pictures will be available soon. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Hagloch reports E-9-1-1 met on April 25, 2022 and approved all bills.

Schaefer, Liason for Arenzville Rural Water, reports the bids will be opened on May 12, 2022. The board realized they are losing money on the connection costs for new customers. The new connection fee is \$1500.

Schaefer reports for Mental Health, 708 Board met. Randy Whewell attended the meeting. The purpose of the Mental Health 708 Board was explained to Mr. Whewell.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Health

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Liquor Control

OEDC

Policies and Procedures

MCS

Insurance and Bonds

OEDC Tourism

Chairman Barnett reports that Ryan Magnoni, Project Developer for United States Solar Corporation will be here on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 to give a presentation. The Planning Commission will be invited to attend. Chairman Barnett will also invite Amy Sommers and JT Hopkins (Plant Manager) from JBS. Sommers is in charge of the development of the new subdivision.

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Barnett presents the appointments to the Cass County Board of review, Beardstown Rural Fire Protection District, Arenzville Fire Protection District, Cass County E-9-1-1 and Cass Rural Water District #1. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Noe and seconded by Schaefer. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Barnett reports that the Cass County Board Citizen Scholarship was established on April 8, 2002. Since that date the county board has given out 202 awards totaling \$101,000. Chairman Barnett proposes increasing the amount of the award from \$500 to \$1,000. A motion to approve increasing the Cass County Board Citizen Scholarship Award from \$500 to \$1,000 beginning in 2023 is made by Starkey and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Absent	Noe	Yes
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Gibson	Absent	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
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Schaefer	Yes	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
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Wessel	Yes	French	Yes		
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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 recommends making a \$2,500 contribution to the David E. Parish Scholarship. Douglass makes the motion to approve the \$2,500 contribution and Merriman seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairman Barnett presents a Resolution of Appreciation thanking Governor J.B. Pritzker's Office for recognizing the need for emergency funds to repair Illinois Route 125 at the intersections of 67/Rte 125 and Arenzville Road/Rte 125.

The board also thanks Jeffry Myers, P.E., Region 4 Engineer, for his efforts to expedite the emergency work and continued maintenance.

A motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation is made by Hagloch and seconded by Wessel.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Absent	Noe	Yes
Gibson	Absent	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.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett presents for approval a Resolution of Support for reopening the Hope and Recovery Center's Day Training Program. The DT Program was closed during the pandemic. Parents and Guardians have contacted the county board to ask for their help with getting the DT Program reopened. Chairman Barnett reached out to all of the parents/guardians this afternoon to let them know that the board would be presented the Resolution of Support for approval. All of the parents and guardians thanked the board for their time and effort. A motion to approve the Resolution of Support is made by Merriman and seconded by Douglass.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Barnett presents for approval the Revised Compensation Standards for Probation Officers. Judge Wessel attended the Courthouse and Jail meeting to present the new compensation standards. The new standards include a fully state funded new probation officer with a salary of \$45,000. Judge Wessel is currently searching for a person to fill this position. Judge Wessel stated that the new probation officer's salary is higher than the current probation office employee's salaries and recommends that the board approve an increase in the current employee's salary to match he salary of the new Probation Officer. The only cost to the county for the increase would be \$800.00 for IMRF.

A motion to approve the increase in salary for the current Probation Office employee's is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Absent	Noe	Yes
Gibson	Absent	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 have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Barnett declares the motion carried.

Cathy Gibson and Kim Hance join the meeting at 7:35p.m.

Chairman Barnett presents the Rules Governing the Cass county Board of Review for approval. The Supervisor of Assessment's, Terri Cooper, discovered that Cass County does not currently have in place any Rules Governing Cass County Board of Review.

Cooper worked with States Attorney Craig Miller on creating the rules for the Cass County Board of Review.

The Cass County Board of Review has approved the rules and Cooper is now seeking approval by the Cass County Board. A motion to approve the Rules Governing the Cass County Board of Review is made by Gibson and seconded by Merriman.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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.

(See Attached Rules)

Chairman Barnett presents the Resolution for Elected Salary Compensation Amendment. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Hagloch and seconded by Merriman.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Barnett	Yes	Hance	Yes	Noe	Yes
Gibson	No	Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes
Schaefer	No	Douglass	Yes	Merriman	Yes
Wessel	Abstain	French	Yes		

(See Attached Resolution)

Cass County Treasurer, Travis Cox, states that the tax bills will be mailed on Thursday, May 12, 2022. The first installment will be due on June 24, 2022 and the second installment will be due on September 22, 2022.

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

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		

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.

At approximately 7:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 6, 2022 is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk