

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, April 14, 2025 at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Merriman
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Merriman, who
directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Absent	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all
board members are present except for Schultz.

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Under Public Comment Judge Wessel shares with the board
that the county is going to receive another grant in the amount
of \$175,334.59. The total amount of grant money the county has
received over the last 3 years is \$489,181.75.

The new grant funds will be used to purchase panic buttons
for the courthouse, a new server, new fax machines, computers,
pocket talks (translators), acoustic panels and new copiers.
Judge Wessel tried to get a new phone system covered by the
grant but that request was denied.

Judge Wessel next introduces Gabe Grosboll. Grosboll was selected to serve as the 8th Judicial Circuit Wide Judge. Judge Grosboll started on February 1, 2025. Judge Grosboll will be in Adams County Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and in Cass County on Thursday's and Friday's. Grosboll will be on the ballot in 2026.

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Cass County Board meeting. French makes a motion to approve the minutes and Brown seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on April 10, 2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Public Safety met on March 24th, Brandon Hager reports that they received 2 new ambulances. Station 1 and Station 2 will each have a new ambulance.

Electronic recycling was a success in Cass County.

Merriman reports that Cass Rural Water met. Jason Beck is resigning and they are looking for his replacement.

Noe, reports the Housing Authority has 7 empty apartments.

Lunsford reporting for Animal Control, reports they met on March 26, 2025. There was a total of 31 calls, 14 dogs were picked up, 8 dogs returned to owner, 2 euthanized, 2 adopted, 4 were rescued and 2 remain in the pound.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on April 7, 2025 and approved all bills.

French reports E-911 met on March 24th and approved all bills and discussed new radios.

Douglass reports the Health Department Board met on March 26, 2025. There are no active TB or Measles cases in Cass County. The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2025.

Snellgrove reports that Cooperative Extension met on April 10, 2025. It was reported at the meeting that legislative changes are coming.

The Mental Health 708 Board met on March 26, 2025. The board discussed the proposed budget. The status for offering Psychiatric Care is still the same.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

O.E.D.C.

MCS

TIF

Tourism

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Cass Rural Water District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Ruppel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments to the Cass County Board of Review are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Hance and seconded by Douglass. Eight members voted in favor of the appointment's and two members voted no (Snellgrove & Ruppel. The motion carries.

The appointments to the Cass County Board of Review Advisory Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Hance and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments to the E-9-1-1 Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments to the Beardstown Rural Fire Protection District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments to the Arenzville Fire Protection District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglas and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments to the Beardstown Sanitary District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the County and Township MFT Bids pending concurrence with IDOT and Townships. A motion to approve is made by Douglass and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle states that the letting was held on April 3, 2025. There were competitive bids and Icenogle has not received any protests to the Letting. The state has authorized Icenogle to proceed with the awards.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, and Zoning Officer. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by French and seconded by Ruppel. 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 Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll. The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

At approximately 6:36 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of May 12, 2025 is made by French and seconded by Brown. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk