

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,  
on Monday, May 12, 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	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the April 14, 2025  
Cass County Board meeting. French makes a motion to approve the  
minutes and Ruppel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation  
and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on May 8,  
2025, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety and Environment  
Committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Roger Lauder spoke with the Corps of Engineers on April 18, 2025 about Levee Certification. Roger met with the Genesis Administrators on May 1, 2025. The Administrator's will begin inputting data. The next Public Safety and Environment Committee meeting will be held on May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Lunsford, reports the Animal Control Commission met on April 23, 2025. There was a total of 14 dogs picked up, 9 dogs were returned to their owners, 1 was euthanized and 4 were adopted.

Douglass reports the Health Department Board met on April 23, 2025 and announced that Tiffany Angelo has been selected to be the new Director. Tiffany will begin shadowing the current Director Teresa Armstrong. The next Health Board meeting will be held on May 28, 2025.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on May 5, 2025 and approved all bills.

Wessel, reports the Finance and Judiciary Committee met on May 8, 2025 and discussed the proposed new highway and sheriff's office building, 3 new sheriff's vehicles and new radios for the sheriff's department.

Noe, Liaison for OEDC, reports that Crystal Bell was appointed to replace Katie Vitale at the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce. Representative Kyle Moore is planning to tour Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. Quentin Lucassen has been appointed as the new park director in Virginia.

Noe, Liaison for the Cass County Housing Authority, states that Roy Knouse has resigned from the Housing board.

The following committees have no report:

Rural Water

Mass Transit

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Mental Health 708

Liquor Control

Economic Development

E-9-1-1

MCS

Cooperative Extension

Mental Health 708

Tourism

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointment to Jobs Creek Drainage District is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Ruppel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointment)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Resolution approving the Election of Brianna Rivera (Adams County) to the Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Adjusted Levies for FYE 11/30/25. A motion to approve the Adjusted Levies is made by Douglass and seconded by French. 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	Yes	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.

(See Attached Adjusted Levies)

Chairman Merriman next presents for Tentative Approval To Amend the 2024-2025 Budget for the Highway Fund and Public Safety Fund. The Amendments will hang in the County Clerk’s office for 30 days. A motion to Tentatively Amend the 2024-2025 Budget for the Highway Fund and Public Safety Fund is made by Wessel 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	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	No		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk state that 10 board members have voted in the affirmative and 1 voted no. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Cass County Trustee Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by French and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval To Authorize the Clerk and Chairman to Sign Documents for the Contract and Bonds for the Replacement of a Bridge in Virginia Township pending state approval. A motion to approve the authorization is made by Hance and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents for approval to Enter into Agreement for the Revised IPWMAN Contract and to Authorize Clerk and Chairman to sign documents as required. A motion to approve is made by Hance and seconded by Brown. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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 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 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	Yes	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.

County Treasurer Travis Cox reports the tax bills will soon be mailed. The first installment due date is June 27, 2025.

At approximately 6:44 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 9, 2025 is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk