

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 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	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	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 October 9, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. Noe moves to approve the minutes and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on November 9, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on October 23, 2024. The committee discussed the mitigation plan. The Animal Control

Commission met with the Village of Ashland and they won't be joining the commission at this time.

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2023.

Gibson reports for transit. They met on November 9, 2023. Jean Jumper will be retiring soon. Transit is looking for drivers. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2024.

Wessel, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, reports they met on November 6, 2023, and approved all bills.

Icenogle reports that old equipment was sold for just under \$80,000.

Starkey, Liaison for Tourism reports on the social media project. Starkey recommends signing a 6 month agreement with Erin's Creative Marketing for \$900 a month to run the social media pages. Erin has worked with the Boston Globe, Rolling Stone Magazine, Wall Street Journal and currently works with The Shoppe in Beardstown and The Jacksonville Visitors Bureau.

Noe reports O.E.D.C. met on October 26, 2023. Katie Vitale reported that the Christmas Parade will be held in Beardstown on November 25, 2023.

Noe reports that a VA representative is meeting with Seniors at the Golden Age Center every Tuesday.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing Authority

Health Board

Cass Rural Water

Animal Control

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policy and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

Mental Health 708

Coop Extension

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents for approval two appointments to the Cass County Housing Authority. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Hance and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents the Petit/Grand Jury Resolution for approval. Gibson moves to approve the Resolution and Ruppel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Merriman next presents Cass County Trustee Resolutions for approval. A motion to approve the Resolutions is made by Starkey and seconded by Schultz. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval a 3-Year FOP Contract. Starkey moves to approve the Contract and Gibson seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Present	Gibson	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 Contract)

Chairman Merriman next presents a 5-year Carpenters Union Contract. Douglass moves to approve the Contract and Hance seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 Contract)

Chairman Merriman presents the Dispatching Contract for the 2024 Calendar Year. Starkey moves to approve the Contract and Hance seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 Contract)

Chairman Merriman presents the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Cass County Budget and Levies. Starkey moves to approve the Budget and Levies and Snellgrove seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 Budget and Levies)

Under Other New Business Hance moves to go into agreement with Erin's Creative Marketing and Gibson seconds the motion. 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 and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Ruppel and seconded by Starkey. 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 Gibson. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 7:36 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of December 11, 2023, is made by Snellgrove and seconded by Schultz. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk