

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, September 11, 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:

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| Merriman | Present | Wessel | Absent | Douglass | Present |
| French | Present | Starkey | Present | Noe | Present |
| Hance | Present | Schultz | Present | Gibson | Present |
| Ruppel | Present | Snellgrove | Absent | | |

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

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 August 14, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. French 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 September 7, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on August 28, 2023.

Roger Lauder was absent. The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2023.

Douglass reports that the Road and Bridge Committee met on September 7, 2023, and approved all bills. The Road and Bridge Committee would like to change their meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A motion to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. is made by Douglass and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Item D under new business is presented for approval. A motion to give Chairman Merriman and Clerk Wessel the authorization to sign documents for Bridge Replacement Sec. 19-10112-00BR is made by Douglass and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Icenogle states that he hired a new employee, Adam Pherigo, and his first day was today.

Gibson reports the Insurance Committee met on August 21, 2023, to receive different health plan options from Dan Snodgrass and Jacob Janssen.

Mike Kirchner recommends staying with the health plan that we have now and look into other health plan options for the following year.

French states that the E-9-1-1 Committee met and approved the bills.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Health Board

Transit

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policy and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

MCS

Rural Water

Cooperative Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708 Board

OEDC Tourism

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents the appointments to New Pankey Pond Special Drainage District, South Sangamon Drainage District, and Clear Lake Special Drainage District and Ron Staake was appointed to Meredosia Lake Drainage and Levee District. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Hance and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents a 5-year Renewal Agreement with Devnet for Property Tax and CAMA Software License, Maintenance and Support . French moves to approve the Renewal Agreement with Devnet and Starkey seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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| French | Yes | Starkey | Yes | Noe | Yes |
| Hance | Yes | Schultz | Yes | Gibson | Yes |
| Ruppel | Yes | Snellgrove | Absent | | |

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 Agreement)

Eric Snellgrove joins the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

County Clerk Wessel presents the Updated Supervisor of Assessments Agreement for approval. A motion to approve the Updated Agreement is made by French and seconded by Gibson.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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(See Attached Agreement)

County Clerk Wessel next presents the Amended Solar Zoning Ordinance. A motion to approve the Amended Ordinance is made by French and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Amended Ordinance)

Snellgrove reports that Thomas Hart has resigned as Animal Control Warden and Jeff Harris was hired as his replacement. Josh Lewis was hired as a part-time employee and will work as needed. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2023.

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 Douglass and seconded by French. 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 Starkey. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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At approximately 7:19 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of October 9, 2023, is made by Hance and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk