

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, November 11, 2024 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	Starkey	Absent	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 except for Starkey.

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 14, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Douglass moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on November 8, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on October 28, 2024.

Snellgrove reports that the Animal Control Commission met on October 29, 2024 and approved all bills. The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2024

Gibson reports the Health Department Board met on October 29, 2024. New policy changes were approved. They received great compliments about Hospice. Two new dentists were hired.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on November 4, 2024 and approved all bills. Icenogle reports that the prices have been set for salt and cinders. Icenogle is waiting on a rail for the Hall Bridge.

Hance, reporting for Tourism, states that Megan Zimny, Owner of The Shoppe in Beardstown would be willing to come in and speak to the board about how the county social media pages are helping the local businesses in Cass County.

Snellgrove reports the everything is going well at Cooperative Extension. They are considering starting a gardening program in Beardstown like the one in Jacksonville. A Christmas dinner will be held December 12, 2024.

The Following committees have no report:

Housing

Transit

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

OEDC

Mental Health 708

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointment of the Cass County Animal Control Administrator is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Gibson and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointment of the Cass County Zoning Officer is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointment of the Cass County Death Examiner is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Ruppel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointment of Insurance Risk Manager is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Gibson and seconded by Hance. Seven board members voted yes and three board members voted no (Snellgrove, Ruppel, French) the motion carried.

The appointment of the Cass County ESDA Director is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. Eight members voted in favor of the appointment and two members voted no (Snellgrove & Ruppel) the motion carried.

The appointment to Clear Lake Special Drainage District is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Ruppel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointment to South Sangamon Drainage District is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by French and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Appointments)

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents the Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. 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)

Merriman next presents the Cass County E-9-1-1 Dispatching Contract for approval. A motion to approve the Dispatching Contract is made by French and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Contract)

The Chairman next presents for final approval the Cass County 2024-2025 Budget & Levies. A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget and Levies is made by Gibson 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	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	No	Snellgrove	No		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk declares that all members present have voted in the affirmative except for Snellgrove and Ruppel. The Chairman declares the motion 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 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 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	Absent	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 6:20 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of December 9, 2024, is made by Gibson and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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Shelly Wessel, Clerk