

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 09, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, January 9, 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	Absent	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Absent
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Merriman next presents the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Cass County Board meeting. Douglass 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 January 5, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met on December 27, 2022. Roger Lauder gave an E.S.D.A. report. The next Public Safety meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Merriman reports the Cass Rural Water Board met and discussed a price increase. A 6% water loss was reported. Cass Rural Water currently has 157 customers. The board is still discussing the possibility of merging with Arenzville Rural Water.

Starkey reports the Beardstown TIF board met and approved Larissa Sorrells' request of not more than \$66,671 for a Physical Therapy Clinic that will be located at 400 E 4th St. in Beardstown, IL. The Beardstown City Council has approved the request.

Clerk Wessel, reporting for the Arenzville Rural Water Board, reports that the district had a 16% water loss. Three meters have been replaced.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Health Department

Animal Control

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Finance and Judiciary

Transit

Economic Development

Policies and Procedures

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

Mental Health 708

OEDC

OEDC Tourism

Liquor Control

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents for approval the Appointments of Bobby Joe Brown, Butch Hobrock, Deb Brannan, and Mike Kirchner to the Cass County Zoning Board. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman next presents a Budget Transfer Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Starkey.

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	Absent	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Absent
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Highway Engineer, presents a Budget Transfer Resolution within the County Highway Fund. A motion to approve the resolution 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	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Absent	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Absent
Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman tables Item C, the Revised Assessors Contract/Agreement until February. A motion to table the Contract/Agreement is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Tim Icenogle, Cass County Highway Engineer, presents the Hutchinson Engineering Inc. Various Services Contract for 2023. A motion to approve the contract is made by Schultz and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Contract)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Purchase Agreement for digiTicket Electronic Solutions. A motion to approve the Purchase Agreement is made by Douglass and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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Kevin Krohe updates the board on the security cameras to be installed in and around the courthouse. A total of 17 cameras will be installed. There will be 8 new exterior cameras and the other 9 will replace the current cameras. The contractor will start installing the cameras tomorrow, January 10, 2023, and it will take 5 days to complete.

The Chairman next presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports, is made by Noe 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 Douglass and seconded by Starkey.

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk call roll.

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

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At approximately 7:20 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of February 13, 2023, is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk