

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, June 10, 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	Absent	Douglass	Present
French	Absent	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Absent	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

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

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 May 13, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Hance moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under Correspondence Clerk Wessel reads the thank you letters from Andrew Doellman and Austin Strubbe. Both Doellman and Strubbe were awarded the Cass County Board Citizen Scholarship.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on June 6, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on May 28, 2024. Roger Lauder gave an ESDA report

Snellgrove reports the Animal Control Commission met on May 29, 2024. There were 11 dogs picked up, 7 were returned to their owners and 4 dogs are still being held in the pound. Jeff Harris resigned effective May 23, 2024. Alex Riviere was appointed to replace Harris. Riviere will start on June 13, 2024. Cory Masters was appointed to a part-time position.

Chairman Merriman reports that Rural Water had a 13.7% loss.

Gibson reports the daycare project in Beardstown is moving right along. They have started putting together a purchase list.

Noe reports that the Housing Authority Office received complaints about people smoking in their apartments.

The Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on May 20, 2024. The quadrennial assessment will be conducted in Ashland, Chandlerville, Newmansville and Panther Creek Townships this year. The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2024.

Douglass reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on June 3, 2024 and approved all bills. Work on Hall bridge is moving forward rapidly.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C. reports that Mayor Harris announced the new owner of the old gazette building on wall street plans to renovate the building into apartments.

Starkey, reporting for Tourism, reports that the Cass County Facebook page has had 21,929 reaches and 5,067 Engagements. The approval to extend the agreement with Erin Brown for another 6 months will be presented under new business.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Mass Transit

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

MCS

Coop. Ext.

Mental Health 708

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Mental Health Board 708 are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass seconded by Hance. 6 Ayes and 2 Nays (Snellgrove and Ruppel), the motion is declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval a Resolution for the 2025 Holiday Calendar. A motion to approve the 2025 calendar is made by Gibson and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Calendar)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Democratic and Republican Election Judges for 2024-2026. A motion to approve the judges is made by Snellgrove and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Judges)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval the request from the Beardstown Park District to change the address and street names for their building. A motion to approve the change of address and street names is made by Starkey and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Request)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval to extend the Agreement with Erin Brown (Social Media Project Manager) for another 6 months. A motion to extend the agreement is made by Gibson and seconded by Hance. 6 Ayes and 2 Nays (Snellgrove and Ruppel). The motion is declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Gibson and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents the semi-monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk and Sheriff. A motion to receive the semi-monthly reports is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents the inventories of all county offices except County Highway (due in December). A motion to receive the inventories is made by Snellgrove and seconded by Noe. 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 Gibson and seconded by Snellgrove. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Absent	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	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 6:33 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 8, 2024, is made by Starkey and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk