

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, November 10, 2025 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:

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| Merriman | Present | Wessel | Absent | Douglass | Present |
| French | Present | Lunsford | Present | Noe | Present |
| Hance | Present | Schultz | Present | Brown | Present |
| Ruppel | Present | Snellgrove | Present | | |

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

The minutes of the October 13, 2025 Cass County Board meeting
are presented for approval. Noe makes the motion to approve the
minutes and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation
and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on
November 6, 2025 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Housing and Environment
Committee, met on October 27, 2025. The committee discussed
Genasys.

Brown reports he is still waiting to receive a budget from the City of Beardstown for the Western and Eastern Ambulance Service.

Lunsford reports the Animal Control Commission met on October 22, 2025. The policy updates will be presented for approval at the December County Board meeting. There were 31 calls, 2 dogs were picked up, 2 were returned to their owners. and there are 3 dogs in the pound. The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2025.

Hance reports that the Health Department met on October 22, 2025. A new IT director and a new counselor have been hired.

Hance reports that the views, interactions and followers on the county's social media pages have increased since June. The next 6 month extension of Erin Brown's agreement will be presented for approval in December. Brown has stated that she will lower her monthly fee from \$900 to \$700.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on November 3, 2025 and approved all bills. The bid opening for the new building will be held on November 20, 2025.

Mike Kirchner reports that the open enrollment for the employee's health insurance ended on October 31, 2025.

OEDC met on October 30, 2025. A County Cookbook containing 200 recipes is being put together by the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class.

Snellgrove reports that Cooperative Extension met on October 30, 2025. A new campus director has been hired.

The following committees have no report:

Rural Water

Housing

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Cass County Housing Authority are presented for approval. 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 with deepest regret the resignation letter from Aaron French. A motion to approve the resignation "with regret" is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resignation Letter)

Chairman Merriman presents Cass County Trustee Resolutions for approval. A motion to approve the resolutions is made by French and seconded by Brown. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Resolutions Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the resolutions is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

Chairman Merriman tables the Final Approval of the Cass County 2025-2026 Budget & Levies.

Chairman Merriman next appoints a committee to discuss the Elected Officials Salary Resolution. The members of the committee will be Kim Hance, Amanda Ruppel, Bob Schultz, Aaron French and Bill Merriman.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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| Merriman | Yes | Wessel | Absent | Douglass | Yes |
| French | Yes | Lunsford | Yes | Noe | Yes |
| Hance | Yes | Schultz | Yes | Brown | 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 8, 2025 is made by French and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk