

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, December 8, 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:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Absent
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 Noe.

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 Cass County Board meeting are presented for approval. Wessel makes the motion to approve the minutes and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Douglass reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on December 4, 2025 and approved all bills as presented.

Lunsford reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee met on November 24, 2025. They did not have a quorum.

Lunsford reported that the link to Genasys has been posted on the county social media pages.

Hance reports that the Health Department met on November 26, 2025. It was Teresa Armstrong's last board meeting as the Administrator. Tiffany Angelo is the new Administrator. Ann Chelette resigned from the board.

Merriman reports that the Cass Rural Water District Board met on November 18, 2025. There was no water loss reported. North Morgan Water District is doing the billing. Will Harris replaced Jason Beck as the Water Superintendent.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on December 4, 2025 and approved all bills.

E-9-1-1 met on November 24, 2025 and paid all bills. The next meeting to be held on January 26, 2025.

Lunsford, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission Committee, reports there were 35 calls, 10 dogs were picked up, 7 were returned to their owners, 3 dogs went to rescue, 1 dog was euthanized, 1 died in care and 2 dogs are in the pound.

The Village of Ashland has inquired about rejoining the Cass County Animal Control Commission.

Hance reports the Tourism Committee met. Erin Brown reported a significant increase in the number of views, reaches and engagements and there are 56 new followers.

The following committees have no report:

Public Safety

Housing

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Coop Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Meredosia Lake Drainage and Levee District and Cass County Health Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by French and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents the Amendment to the Inter Governmental Agreement of the Cass Community Animal Control Commission. A motion to approve the "Amended Agreement" is made by French and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman presents the Extension of Agreement with Erin Brown (Social Media). The agreement is for six months for \$700 a month. A motion to approve the agreement is made by French and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Agreement with Eck, Schafer & Punke LLP (Audit). A motion to approve the resolutions is made by French and seconded by Hance. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls the roll.

Roll Call:

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

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

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval a Cass County
Trustee Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by
French and seconded by Schultz. The vote is by acclamation and
declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Item F. - Approval for the Retainer for an Administrative Law Judge is tabled.

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Cass County Highway Inventory. A motion to approve the Inventory is made by Douglass and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventory)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Hance and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the County Engineer Salary Resolution and Agreement for County Engineer Salary. A motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement is made by Snellgrove and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution and Agreement)

County Highway Engineer Tim Icenogle asks the board for Approval to Authorize Chairman Merriman and Clerk Wessel to sign contract for the new County Highway Building and Sheriff's Annex. A motion to approve the authorization of signature is made by French and seconded by Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Noe	Absent	French	Yes	Hance	Yes
Schultz	Yes	Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes
Lunsford	Yes	Brown	Yes		

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

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Reapportioning of Funds in the County Highway Department. A motion to approve the Reapportioning of Funds is made by Douglass and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached)

Chairman Merriman presents for Final Approval the Cass County Budget & Levies for 2025-2026. A motion to approve the Budget and Levies for 2025 - 2026 is made by Douglass and seconded by French. Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

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Noe	Absent	French	Yes	Hance	Yes
Schultz	Yes	Ruppel	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes
Lunsford	Yes	Brown	Yes		

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

(See Attached Budget and Levies)

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 Snellgrove. 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.

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French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Absent
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 6:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of January 12, 2026 is made by Snellgrove and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk