

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2026

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, September 14, 2026 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
Williams	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

The minutes of the August 10, 2026 Cass County Board
meeting are presented for approval. Wessel makes the motion to
approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is
by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports that the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on
September 10, 2026 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing
Committee met on August 24, 2026. Roger Lauder was present and
he reported that Genasys is working on evacuation routes.

The committee is down to 2 people to possibly replace Roger Lauder when he retires. The committee should finalize the selection of the new ESDA Director this month.

Noe reports the Housing Authority Board met. There are 14 vacancies.

Douglass reports Cass Rural Water reported a 12% water loss. A water leak was reported at a residence. The board plans to put a referendum on the ballot at the 2027 Consolidated Election to Co-op with North Morgan Rural Water District and Arenzville Rural Water District.

Lunsford, reporting for Animal Control, reports Alex has resigned as the Animal Control Warden. Madison Shannon was sworn in today to take Alex's place. Nine dogs were picked up, 1 was euthanized, 2 were returned to their owners, 4 were adopted out and 4 are in the pound.

The Cass County Health Department Board met on August 26, 2026. The tire collection will be held after Columbus Day so it will be October 13, 2026 thru October 16, 2026.

The Cass County Housing Authority Board met and it was reported that there are 14 vacancies.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on September 10, 2026 and approved all bills.

The Finance and Judiciary Committee met with the Sheriff's Department Union Rep. A meeting with the FOP Rep will be scheduled.

Wessel reports that the Insurance and Bonds Committee met and agreed to split the 5% increase with the employees. The County Board has decided to eliminate the Insurance Risk Manager's position at the end of November.

Hance, reporting for Tourism reports for the month the Social Media page had 80,756 views and 67 new followers.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Liquor Control

Economic Development

E-9-1-1

MCS

Coop Extension

TIF

Mental Health 708

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Appointments to the South Sangamon Drainage District, Jobs Creek Drainage District, Clear Lake Special Drainage District, Cass County Housing Authority Board, and Meredosia Lake Drainage and Levee District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Ruppel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Electronics Recycling Agreement. A motion to approve the Electronics Recycling Agreement is made by Douglass and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman next presents an Amendment to the Ordinance Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for approval. A motion to approve the Amendment is made by Wessel and seconded by Williams. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Ordinance)

Chairman Merriman next presents for Approval the Bid from County Contractors for \$519,338.50 for Twp Bridge in Sec 18-101111-00-BR Garner Road and to Authorize County Board Chair and County Clerk to Sign Documents when they are recieved. A motion to approve the Bid and the authorization of signature is made by Hance and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Bid)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval a Resolution Transferring Funds in the Cass County Treasury. A motion to approve the transfer is made by Brown and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Under Other New Business Treasurer Cox reports that he has Established the Equity Surplus Fee to help offset the Real Estate Tax Sale Proceeds.

A motion for the Cass County Board to split the 5% Insurance Increase with the Employees is made by Ruppel and seconded by Brown. The vote is by acclamation and declared 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 Wessel and seconded by Hance. 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 Brown. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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

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 October 12, 2026 is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk