

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2025

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, October 13, 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	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.

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Under public comment the Beardstown Area Special Athletes
were presented a Resolution of Accomplishment from the Cass
County Board for their recent participation at the Special
Olympics North America Softball Tournament in Oklahoma. The
team participated in the tournament for the first time and won
the championship title.

The minutes of the September 8, 2025 Cass County Board meeting
are presented for approval. French makes the motion to approve

the minutes and Ruppel seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on October 9, 2025 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Housing and Environment Committee, met on September 22, 2025. The committee did not receive a report from Roger Lauder.

The Cass Rural Water Board met on September 16, 2025. A 15% water loss was reported and they are still having issues with some meters in Virginia.

Lunsford reports the Animal Control Commission met on September 24, 2025. The postcards have been mailed out to pet owners who are delinquent on purchasing rabies tags. There were 35 calls, 5 dogs were picked up, 1 was owner relinquished, there are 3 dogs currently in the pound, 4 were returned to their owners and 5 were transferred to rescue. The Village of Chandlerville decided to stay on board with the Animal Control Commission as a silent partner.

Hance reports that the Health Department met on September 24, 2025. There is one active TB case in Cass County. Administrator evaluations were completed. Health Insurance options are being discussed. The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2025.

Noe reports that the Housing Authority Board met on September 18, 2025. Sagebrook is full and there are 2 vacancies at Welchwood. The board will be increasing the rent at the beginning of the new year.

French reports the Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on September 15, 2025. All of the solar splits are done and the

taxable value of the solar panels has been applied. The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2025.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on October 6, 2025 and October 9, 2025 and all bills were approved by the committee.

A motion to grant permission for Chairman Merriman to sign a Road Use Agreement is made by Wessel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Wessel, Chairman of the Insurance and Bonds Committee, reports that Open Enrollment is in the month of October. Mike Kirchner attended the ICRMT meeting. ICRMT will be representing the county officers in the Integrity law suit.

MCS met on September 18, 2025. The officers were appointed and by-laws were reviewed. The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2025.

The following committees have no report:

E-9-1-1

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Cooperative Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708

OEDC Tourism

TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The appointments to the Clear Creek Special Drainage District and New Pankey Pond Special Drainage District are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Noe and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman presents a request to decrease the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph at the Easterly section of County Highway 10 from Route 78 to Sage Drive. A motion to approve the decrease in the speed limit is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. Ten board members voted to approve the decrease and board members Snellgrove and Ruppel voted against the decrease. The motion carries.

Chairman Merriman presents A Cass County Trustee Resolution for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman next presents the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution for approval. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents the Cass County 2025-2026 Budget and Levies for tentative approval. Following the tentative approval by the board the budget will hang in the County Clerk’s office for 30 days. A motion to tentatively approve the budget and levies is made by Douglass and seconded by French

The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	No	Snellgrove	No		

The Clerk states that all board members have voted in the affirmative except for Ruppel and Snellgrove. Chairman Merriman declares the motion 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 Douglass 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 French 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	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 6:31 p.m. a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel is made by Hance and seconded by French.

At approximately 6:41 p.m. a motion to come out of executive session with no action being taken is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass

At approximately 6:42 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of November 10, 2025 is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk