

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2026

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, June 8, 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	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 Eric Snellgrove, as a citizen,
expresses his discontent with the increase in his property
taxes. Snellgrove was advised that his issues should be taken
up with the City of Beardstown and have nothing to do with the
way his property is assessed. Snellgrove is also advised to
reach out to the Supervisor of Assessments to discuss his
property assessment.

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Cass County Board meeting
are presented for approval. Douglass makes the motion to

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

Noe reports that the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on June 4, 2026 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee met on May 26, 2026. Roger Lauder discussed FEMA training.

Brown reports that the E-9-1-1 board met on May 18, 2026 and discussed back up power for the maintenance building and approved the bills.

Douglass reports that Arenzville Rural Water reported a 12.84% water loss.

Lunsford, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they met on May 27, 2026 and paid all bills. There were 54 calls, 12 dogs were picked up, 10 were returned to the owner, 2 were euthanized, and 4 are in the pound. Cory resigned from Animal Control effective May 17, 2026. They Commission plans to hire 2 part time employees for the weekends. Alex is now working full time on Fridays.

Douglass reports the Road and Bridge Committee met and paid all bills.

Mike Kirchner hands out a notice for the Hope Trust Seminar that will be held on July 23rd and 24th in St. Charles, Missouri. The Seminar is very informative.

The Health Department Board met on May 27, 2026. Hiring efforts have been the main focus. They are working on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Grant applications have been sent to IDPH and DHS for numerous programs. There are no new cases of TB.

It was suggested that when the county board does the next electronic recycling event that we also have containers for battery disposal.

Noe reports that OEDC met and Tim Icenogle reported on the construction of the new highway/sheriff building. Steve Clark reported on the water break. They have 2 TIF applications. Betsy Brown was appointed to the commission to replace Tom Allen.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

MCS

Coop Extension

Mental Health 708

Tourism

TIF

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Appointments to the Mental Health 708 Board, Lost Creek Drainage and Levee District, Oakford Fire Protection District, County Farmland Committee for Assessment and Cass County Board of Review are presented for approval.

Wessel makes a motion to approve the appointments and Hance seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. A motion to approve the updated plan is made by Wessel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Plan Update)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Liquor License for Dalever Inc./Stop Light Liquors. A motion to approve the Liquour License is made by Hance and seconded by Ruppel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Resolution for the 2027 Holiday Calendar. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Calendar Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Roster of Commissioners for OEDC. A motion to approve the Roster is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Roster)

Chairman Merriman presents for Approval the Republican Election Judges for 2026-2028. A motion to approve the 2026 - 2028 Election Judges is made by Douglass and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached List of Republican Judges)

Chairman Merriman next presents the extension of the agreement with Erin Brown (Social Media) for an additional 6 months. A motion to approve the extension is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. Nine board members vote in favor of extending the agreement with Erin Brown and two members vote no. The motion carries.

Chairman Merriman asks if there is any Other New Business. Kevin Krohe reports on the new building. The masonry block on the inside is finished, the wiring is done. HVAC is installed and they are waiting on windows.

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 Williams. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

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

(See Attached Semi- Annual Reports)

Chairman Merriman presents the Inventories of all County Offices. A motion to receive the Inventories is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventories)

The approval of claims is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the claims is made by Wessel and seconded by Schultz. 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	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 6:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of July 13, 2026 is made by Douglass and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk