

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, August 12, 2024 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	Absent	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members are present except for French, Ruppel, and Starkey.

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. Wessel moves to approve the minutes and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Under Correspondence Clerk Wessel reports that her office staff has mailed out over 7,000 Permanent Vote by Mail Applications as required by law. Clerk Wessel qualifies for the Non-Profit

Standard Mail Prices as the Voting Registration Official. This saved the county \$3,800.00.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on August 8, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports her committee met on July 22, 2024. The committee discussed E-9-1-1 calls and Genasys.

Gibson reports the Health Department Board met on July 24, 2024. A Back to school Bash was held on August 5, 2024. The Welcome Center Grant increased by \$50,000.

Snellgrove reports that the Animal Control Commission met on July 24, 2023. They accepted the resignation of Katie Vitale as Animal Control Administrator and appointed Deputy Jeff Smith to replace Vitale.

The Supervisor of Assessments Committee met on July 23, 2024. The committee discussed the Quad Assessment Year for Ashland, Chandlerville, Newmansville and Panther Creek Townships. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2024.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on August 5, 2024 and approved all bills. The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The Insurance and Bonds Committee met on July 17, 2024. Jake Janson gave an update on the current year and shared some ideas on how to get employees to use "Preferred" rather than "Standard" Providers.

Noe, reporting for O.E.D.C., reports they met on July 25, 2024 and did not have a quorum.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Rural Water

Mass Transit

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Economic Development

E-9-1-1

MCS

Coop Extension

Housing

Mental Health 708

Tourism

TIF

Policies and Procedures

Liquor Control

Finance and Judiciary

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

A motion to receive the resignation of Katie Vitale as Animal Control Administrator is made by Wessel and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The appointments of the Animal Control Administrator and Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District Board Member are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Douglass and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Noe and seconded by Schultz. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Approval for the Resolution to Adopt an Early Retirement Incentive Program is tabled.

Chairman Merriman presents the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Zoning Officer and Maintenance. A motion to receive the monthly reports is made by Noe and seconded by Gibson. 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 Hance. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Absent	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	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 6:46 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 9, 2024, is made by Gibson and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk