

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2026

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, August 10, 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	Absent	Lunsford	Absent	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

Jacob Janssen from Snedeker Risk Management spoke about the
conference coming up on September 23rd and 24th in Peoria and
invited the board and officers to attend.

The minutes of the July 13, 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 August 6, 2026 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee met on July 27, 2026. Roger Lauder was present and he reported that Genasys is working on evacuation routes. The committee discussed possible replacements for Roger Lauder.

Brown reports the generator at E-9-1-1 is up and running.

Douglass reporting for Animal Control reports there was a total intake of 12 dogs and 4 are at the pound.

Cass Rural Water reported a 10% water loss.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on August 3, 2026 and approved all bills.

The Housing Authority Board met and Steve Horton reported that the interest from the CD's will go towards maintenance repairs and replacing some appliances. The EPA has been on them about trash around the property so they put up an 8ft fence to prevent people from dropping trash on the property. JR Blair has resigned from the board.

The Health Department Board met on July 22, 2026. They are strengthening and maintaining services. They have implemented universal childhood blood lead testing for all children at 12 and 24 months of age. The CDC has issued a national alert regarding increased cases of cyclosporiasis. There are no confirmed cases in Cass County. There are no new TB cases. The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2026.

Hance reporting for Tourism reports the Social Media page had 29,000 views in 28 days with 21 new followers.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

MCS

Coop Extension

OEDC

TIF

Mental Health 708

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

An appointment to the Mental Health 708 Board is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Noe and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointment)

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

(See Attached Resolution)

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 Noe and seconded by Wessel. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
Williams	Absent	Lunsford	Absent	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	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 6:23 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of September 14, 2026 is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk