

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2026

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Merriman
Chairman

Attest: Mary Keaton
Deputy 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	Absent	Douglass	Present
Williams	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Absent	Schultz	Absent	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Absent		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all
board members are present except for Schultz, Wessel, Hance,
Snellgrove 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/Hope Trust was
there to invite everyone to the Hope Trust Annual Conference in
St. Charles, Missouri on July 23rd and 24th, 2026.

The minutes of the April 13, 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 May 7, 2026 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee met on April 27, 2026. They discussed Genesys and the problems that need to be fixed. Roger Lauder does not want to be reappointed in January 2027. Chairman Merriman has formed a committee with Bobby Joe Brown, Ramona Douglass and himself to find a replacement for Lauder.

Lunsford, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they met on April 29, 2026 and paid all bills. Ordinance updates was discussed. There was 1 dog bite and 15 calls for the month. There were 3 dogs picked up, 1 was returned to its owner, 2 were euthanized and 5 are in the pound.

Noe reports that the Housing Authority Board met on April 23, 2026 and reported that they will use the interest off of the cd's for the upcoming expenses.

Douglass reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on April 9, 2026 and approved all bills. Kevin Krohe reports that the new building is on track and they estimate completion to be in December 2026.

The Health Department Board met on April 22, 2026. They have not had any staffing changes though some positions remain open. There are 2 TB cases that continue to be monitored.

Noe reports that OEDC met and reviewed the financial report for 2026. Justin Fritsche gave a report on the trade shows that he attended.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

E-9-1-1

Tourism

TIF

MCS

Coop Extension

Mental Health 708

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Appointments to the Mental Health 708 Board, E-9-1-1 Board, Cass Rural Water District #1, Beardstown Rural Fire District, County Farmland Committee for Assessment Review and the Cass County Health Board are presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Brown and seconded by Williams. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman tables the Solid Waste Management Plan Update until the June board meeting.

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval a Resolution Establishing Compensation and Disbursement Practices for County Board Members. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. 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 Lunsford 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 Williams and seconded by Douglass. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
Williams	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Absent	Schultz	Absent	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.

The Treasurer states he started the tax extension process and Shelly finished the process. The bills will be mailed out next Friday and the 1st installment will be due June 26, 2026 and the second installment will be due September 4, 2026.

Icenogle states that he has applied for several grants to help offset the cost of the courthouse sidewalk and demolishing county buildings.

At approximately 6:26 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of June 8, 2026 is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk