

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2026

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom,
on Monday, July 13, 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 Deputy Clerk to call roll.

The Deputy Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
Williams	Present	Lunsford	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Absent	Brown	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Absent		

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

Chairman Merriman declares there is a quorum.

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

At approximately 6:02 p.m., Snellgrove joins the meeting.

The minutes of the June 8, 2026 Cass County Board meeting
are presented for approval. Wessel 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
July 9, 2026 and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass reports the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee met on June 22, 2026. They discussed ESDA and the problems that need to be fixed.

The Health Department Board met on June 24, 2026. The Health Department has several job openings including a Dentist. There are no new cases of TB to report.

Lunsford, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports they met on June 24, 2026. They are still working with each of communities on the new ordinances. There were 55 calls 8 dogs were picked up, 3 were returned to their owners, 3 are in the Cass County Rescue and 5 are in the pound.

Brown reports MCS met on June 18, 2026. Expenses were reviewed and it was reported that they have received \$59,000 in home improvement requests for Cass County residents.

The Road and Bridge Committee met on July 6, 2026 and approved all bills. Kevin Krohe reports that the new building is on track and the windows have been delivered.

The following committees have no report:

Legislative

Supervisor of Assessments

Rural Water

Mass Transit

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Tourism

TIF

Coop Extension

OEDC

Mental Health 708

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

An appointment to the Cass County Health Board is presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Wessel and seconded by Hance. Nine board members voted in the affirmative and one board member voted against the appointment (Snellgrove). The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointment)

An appointment to the Hager Slough Special Drainage District is next presented for approval. A motion to approve the appointment is made by Hance and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointment)

Chairman Merriman next presents for approval the Democratic Election Judges for 2026-2028. A motion to approve the Judges is made by Wessel and seconded by Noe. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Approval)

Chairman Merriman next presents the Chautauqua National Refuge Resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution is made by Douglass and seconded by Snellgrove. 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 Douglass and seconded by Williams. 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 Douglass. The Chairman directs the Deputy Clerk to call roll.

The Deputy Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
Williams	Yes	Lunsford	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Absent	Brown	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Deputy Clerk states that all members present have voted in the affirmative. Chairman Merriman declares the motion carried.

At approximately 6:21 p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of August 10, 2026 is made by Noe and seconded by Snellgrove. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk