

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 09, 2024

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, December 09, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Merriman
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass 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	Present	Starkey	Absent	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for 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 November 11, 2024, Cass County Board meeting. French moves to approve the minutes and Gibson seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman appoints Hance, Ruppel and Noe to the Committee on Credentials. The committee moves to the jury room to review the election results.

After a short recess, the Committee on Credentials reports that on examination of credentials, as was submitted by the Election Authority reveals that 4 persons were duly elected at the November 5, 2024 General Election and that they are qualified in all respects, to serve as Cass County Board Members.

At approximately 6:03 p.m. with no other business to take place French moves that the old board adjourn "Sine Die" (which means without a day) and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk

December 9, 2024

Statutory Meeting

Of

New Board

At approximately 6:04 p.m. the County Clerk, Shelly Wessel, calls the meeting to order as Statutory of the Board.

Judge Timothy Wessel administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members, Bobby Joe Brown and Angela Lunsford.

Judge Wessel declares the Cass County Board is now in session.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Brown	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Lunsford	Present
Ruppel	Present	Snellgrove	Present		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all members are present.

The Clerk states that the next order of business shall be the selection of a Temporary Chairman to preside until the election of a Permanent Chairman. County Clerk Wessel asks for nominations to elect a Temporary Chairman of the Cass County Board. Douglass nominates Bill Merriman and Hance seconds the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations and elect Bill Merriman as Temporary Chairman is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Now, Merriman acting as Temporary Chairman, states the first order of business would be receiving nominations for Permanent Chairman, to serve for a two-year term of office.

Douglass nominates Merriman for Permanent Chairman and Snellgrove seconds the motion. A motion to close the nominations and elect Merriman as Permanent Chairman is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman states the next order of business is to elect a Vice Chairman of the County Board. Schultz nominates Wessel and Noe seconds the motion.

Snellgrove nominates Douglass. Douglass declines the nomination. Snellgrove revokes the nomination. A motion to close the nominations and elect Wessel as Vice Chairman is made by Noe and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman next asks for nominations for Second Vice Chairman. Wessel nominates Douglass and Noe seconds the motion.

Snellgrove nominates French. For the lack of a second to the nomination the nomination dies. A motion to close nominations and elect Douglass as Second Vice Chairman is made by Hance and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on December 5th, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met on November 25, 2024. Roger Lauder reported he was conducting a drill on "what if scenarios" at D & D homes on December 9, 2024.

Hance, reporting for the Health Department Board, reports that Teresa Armstrong wanted the Cass County Board to know that the Health Board held their first strategic retreat and it worked very well.

Snellgrove reports that the Animal Control Commission met on November 20th, 2024, and they voted to allow the Administrator to pull laboring shifts when needed. 1 dog was euthanized, 2 were adopted, 4 were transferred to a shelter.

French, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that they met on November 18, 2024. The office remodel is complete.

Wessel reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on December 2, 2024, and approved all bills as presented.

Wessel reporting for Insurance and Bonds, reports that 36 employees signed up for health insurance during open enrollment. A letter went out to all of the employees on health insurance encouraging them to use the preferred health providers which will save the employee money and help keep the costs down for the county board.

French reports E-9-1-1 met on December 2nd, 2024. The new consoles have been installed and they are working on getting the new radio system up and running.

Gibson, Liaison of MCS, reports that the Weatherproofing Program is on hold and the Homeless Prevention Program is doing great.

Noe reports that OEDC met on November 27, 2024, Chad Winters reported that a new restaurant is opening soon in Virginia. Mayor Tim Harris stated that the hotel on Rt 67 has sold. The new owners plan to remodel and add a bar and video gaming.

Ruppel reports that the Mental Health 708 board did not meet. Chairman Merriman would like to take a moment to recognize Pat Blair for her years of service on the 708 board and also the E911 Board. A moment of silence was taken.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Housing

Mass Transit

Rural Water

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Coop Extension

Mental Health 708

Tourism

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Clerk presents the Appointments of the Old River Drainage and Levee District, Mud Creek Drainage District and Mental Health 708 Board. A motion to approve the appointments is made by French and seconded by Douglass.

(See Attached Appointments)

Cass County Engineer Tim Icenogle next presents a Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax for calendar year 2025. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents the County Engineer Salary Resolution and Agreement for County Engineer Salary. A motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement is made by French and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution and Agreement)

Tim Icenogle next presents the Cass County Highway Inventory. A motion to receive the Inventory is made by Noe and seconded by Hance. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Inventory)

The Elected County Officer's Bonds (Circuit Clerk and States Attorney) are presented for approval. A motion to approve the Elected Officer's Bonds is made by Douglass and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Bonds)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval the Pehlman and Dold Agreement. A motion to approve the agreement is made by French seconded by Hance.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Brown	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Lunsford	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.

(See Attached Agreement)

Chairman Merriman presents the Resolution Amending the Predictable Fee Schedule. French makes the motion to approve the Fee Schedule and Snellgrove seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Clerk presents the Monthly Reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning Officer, Death Examiner and Maintenance. The motion to receive the monthly reports is made by French and seconded by Wessel. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Monthly Reports)

The Clerk presents the Semi-Annual Reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff. A motion to receive the Semi-Annual Reports is made by Douglass and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Semi-Annual Reports)

The approval of claims is next presented to the board. A motion to approve the claims is made by French and seconded by Noe. Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Brown	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Lunsford	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 6:35 P.M., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of January 13, 2025 is made by Hance and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk