

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 09, 2023

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 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	Absent	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	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 Wessel.

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 September 11, 2023 Cass County Board meeting. Hance moves to approve the minutes and French seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe reports the Courthouse and Jail Committee met on October 5, 2023, and approved all bills as presented.

Douglass, Chairman of the Public Safety, Environment and Housing Committee, reports the committee met on September 25, 2023. Roger Lauder gave his report.

Hance, Liason of the Health Board, reports the Health Department is conducting Flu Clinics and Covid Clinics will be scheduled once they receive the vaccine.

Hance reports Art Gramann has resigned from the Housing Authority Board.

Snellgrove, Chairman of the Animal Control Commission, reports that States Attorney Craig Miller attended the meeting and reviewed the statutes for Animal Control. The meeting was very productive.

Douglass states that the Road and Bridge Committee met on October 2, 2024 and approved all bills.

Cass County Highway Department sold a truck to Bond County. Icenogle plans to advertise for sale the remainder of trucks.

Icenogle will be advertising to fill one position that is available at the Cass County Highway Department.

Icenogle reports they have started building the interior roads for the solar farm.

Icenogle next presents for approval a Resolution for Improvement under IL Hwy code Sec 18-00080-00-BR. Douglass moves to approve the Resolution and French seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 Resolution)

The next item on the agenda is for Approval to Authorize Chairman Merriman and Clerk Wessel to sign additional documents for Section 18. A motion to approve the authorization of signature is made by French and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Authorization)

French states that the E-9-1-1 Board met and approved the bills.

Gibson reports that MCS is waiting on funding for programs.

Ruppel states that the 708 Mental Health Board met on September 25, 2023. Jeremy gave an update on the budget and the services they provide. A member of the Administrative Board and a member of the Mental Health Board spoke with their attorney and decided that the 708 Board will need to take their own meeting minutes. The next meeting will be held at the end of January.

Starkey reporting for Tourism states that the Instagram Account is up and running and she is working on the Facebook page. Starkey states that it will require a full-time person to keep the accounts updated with current events.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Rural Water

Supervisor of Assessments

Legislative

Policy and Procedures

Finance and Judiciary

Liquor Control

Economic Development

Insurance and Bonds

Cooperative Extension

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The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

Chairman Merriman presents the appointments to the E-9-1-1 Board and the Cass County Housing Authority Board. French moves to approve the appointments and Noe seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Appointments)

Merriman presents the resolution extending liquor sale hours for Stoplight Liquors for December 24, 2023 and December 31, 2023. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Hance and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

Merriman next presents Cass County Trustee Resolutions for approval. A motion to approve the Resolutions is made by Hance and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Resolutions)

Chairman Merriman presents for approval a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. French moves to approve the Resolution and Gibson seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 Resolution)

Chairman Merriman presents the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Cass County Budget and Levies. French moves to tentatively approve the Budget and Levies and Noe seconds the motion. The Chairman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Absent	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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. The budget will hang in the County Clerk's Office for 30 days prior to final approval.

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

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

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French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Hance	Yes	Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 7:35p.m. a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of November 13, 2023, is made by French and seconded by Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel, Clerk