

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2022

The Cass County Board met in the Courthouse, in the Courtroom, on Monday, December 12, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnett, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Hagloch	Absent	Starkey	Present	Merriman	Present
Schaefer	Present	Douglass	Present	Gibson	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Present		

As a result of the roll call the Clerk states that all board members are present except for Hagloch.

Chairman Barnett declares there is a quorum.

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

Chairman Barnett states that Brian Dickerson of BLH was supposed to send the agreement for the 2023 Electronics Pickup. The agreement will be presented to the new board for approval once it is received.

Chairman Barnett appoints French, Starkey, 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 11 persons were duly elected at the November 8, 2022 General Election and that they are qualified in all respects, to serve as Cass County Board Members. Schaefer moves that the new members credentials to serve be accepted by the board and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

At approximately 7:05 p.m. with no other business to take place. Wessel moves that the old board adjourn "Sine Die" (which means without a day) and Hagloch seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel

Clerk

December 12, 2022

Statutory Meeting

Of

New Board

At approximately 7:06 p.m. the County Clerk, Shelly Wessel, calls the meeting to order as Statutory of the Board.

Sheriff Ohrn declares the Cass County Board is now in session.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Hance	Present	Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Snellgrove	Present		

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

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 French seconds the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations and elect Bill Merriman as Temporary Chairman is made by Noe and seconded by Douglass. 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.

Wessel nominates Merriman for Permanent Chairman and French seconds the motion. A motion to close the nominations and elect

Merriman as Permanent Chairman is made by French and seconded by Starkey. 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. Douglass nominates Wessel and Starkey seconds the motion. 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. Gibson nominates Douglass and French seconds the motion. A motion to close nominations and elect Douglass as Second Vice Chairman is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Chairman Merriman next presents the Standing Committees for approval. Wessel moves to approve the committees and Douglass seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

(See Attached Standing Committees)

Chairman Merriman presents the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Cass County Board Meeting and the minutes from the November 22, 2022 Special Meeting. Gibson makes a motion to approve both sets of minutes and Starkey seconds the motion. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Noe, Chairman of the Courthouse and Jail Committee, reports the committee met on December 8th, 2022, and approved all bills as presented.

Merriman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reports the committee met on November 28, 2022.

Merriman states that the Animal Control Commission met, but they did not have a quorum.

Merriman, Chairman of the Supervisor of Assessments Committee, reports that they met on November 21, 2022. Terri Cooper sent out bills in the amount of \$35,000 to all of the Townships for assessing. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Icenogle reports the Road and Bridge Committee met on December 5, 2022, and approved all bills as presented. The items discussed at the committee meeting will be presented under new business for approval.

Gibson, Liaison of MCS, reports they need two more board members from Cass County. All programs are going well.

Starkey, reports that the TIF Board met on November 30, 2022. Applications were received from Tysons Drive In, Tri County Heating and Plumbing and Beardstown Savings.

Noe reports that OEDC met on November 17, 2022, but did not have a quorum.

There are no reports from the following committees:

Rural Water

Health Department

Housing

Finance and Judiciary

Legislative

Policies and Procedures

Insurance & Bonds

Transit

E-9-1-1

Economic Development

OEDC Tourism

Coop Extension

Mental Health 708

The Chairman now moves on to New Business:

The Clerk presents the Appointments of the Cass County Zoning Officer, Cass County Death Examiner, Cass County Animal Control Administrator, Insurance Risk Manager, E.S.D.A. Director, and Drainage Commissioners. A motion to approve the appointments is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass.

(See Attached Appointments)

Chairman Merriman next presents the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by French and seconded by Noe.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Hance	Present	Snellgrove	Present
Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present		

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 Dispatching Contract for the 2023 Calendar Year. A motion to approve the contract is made by Noe and seconded by French.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Roll call:

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Hance	Present	Snellgrove	Present
Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present		

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 Contract)

Chairman Merriman next presents a Resolution Transferring Funds in the County Treasury. A motion to approve the resolution is made by French and seconded by Starkey.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Hance	Present	Snellgrove	Present
Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present		

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 Elected County Officer's Bonds (County Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer) 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)

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

(See Attached Inventory)

Icenogle presents for approval the Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution is made by Starkey and seconded by French

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Merriman	Present	Hance	Present	Noe	Present
Gibson	Present	Hagloch	Present	Starkey	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Douglass	Present	Snellgrove	Present
Wessel	Present	French	Present		

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 County Highway Engineer's Salary Resolution and Agreement for approval. Douglass makes the motion to approve the Salary Resolution and Agreement and French seconds the motion.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to Call Roll.

The Clerk Calls Roll.

Merriman	Yes	Wessel	Yes	Douglass	Yes
French	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Yes
Ruppel	Absent	Hance	Yes	Snellgrove	Yes
Schultz	Yes	Gibson	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 and Agreement)

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 Gibson. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

The Clerk presents the Semi-Annual Reports of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff. A motion to receive the Semi-Monthly Reports is made by French and seconded by Wessel. 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 Noe and seconded by French.

Chairman Merriman directs the Clerk to call roll.

The Clerk calls roll.

Merriman	Present	Wessel	Present	Douglass	Present
French	Present	Starkey	Present	Noe	Present
Ruppel	Absent	Hance	Present	Snellgrove	Present
Schultz	Present	Gibson	Present		

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 7:28 P.M., a motion to adjourn and reconvene on the night of January 9, 2023 is made by Wessel and seconded by French. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.

Shelly Wessel
Clerk