

Minutes

Cass County Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. in the courthouse board room with members present: Steve Baier, chair; Stephen Green, Wendy Richter (by Zoom), Mark O'Brien, and Bernard Pettinger (by phone). Absent: none.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, Pettinger second, to approve the December 3, 2024 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve the December 10, 2024 work session minutes where the Board of Supervisors served as the Compensation Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments regarding the EMS Advisory Council's Annual Recommendation of EMS Levy as required by law under Iowa Code 422D.2(c).

Amy Bjork, with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, discussed the process to repeal the Cass County Cass-Audubon Border Economic Development Urban Renewal Area and the Cass County Amazing Energy Urban Renewal Area. The Valley Business Park land has been sold to private farmers as agricultural land so the Cass-Audubon Border Economic Development URA will not be used in the future. The Amazing Energy TIF was completed in 2019, so that URA is no longer needed. Additionally, a second URA was established in the same area as the Amazing Energy URA when Elite Octane was developed, and that URA is still active. Amy will assist the county in preparing resolutions to repeal the TIFs, and ordinances to repeal the URA ordinances.

Jotham Arber, Executive Director of Cass/Guthrie County Environmental Health, presented the monthly report.

The Oath of Office was administered to newly-elected and re-elected officials: John Westering (Sheriff), Kathy Somers (County Auditor), Stephen Green (Supervisor, District 1), Steve Baier (Supervisors, District 4), Bernard Pettinger (Supervisor, District 5) and Spencer Walton (Sheriff's Deputy).

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve the third reading of Ordinance Number 39, Imposing a Local Option Income Surtax for Emergency Medical Services at a rate of one percent on the state individual income tax for 15 years in accordance with Iowa Code 422D following the November 5, 2024 General Election when Public Measure A was approved by more than 60% of those voting on the question. Ayes: Baier, Green, Richter, O'Brien, Pettinger. Nays: none. Motion carried.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve the Cass County Wellness Program for January 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Greene moved, Richter second, to approve the Cass County Health Insurance Rates policy designating participation and non-participation rates for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 based on wellness plan participation in 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, Pettinger second, to approve a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General #20294 in Griswold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to allocate the balance of ARPA funds designated for purchase of an ambulance to be used for training new EMTs and paramedics, strengthening the EMS system in Cass County. All ayes. A formal resolution will be considered at a future meeting.

Richter moved, Green second, to appropriate the remaining \$20,291.91 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be utilized for Cass County libraries per the ratio of funds requested for Fiscal Year 2026. All ayes. Motion carried. A formal resolution will be considered at a future meeting.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve Resolution 2024-27 Setting Posted Weight Limits on Bridges that are Embargoed. Ayes: Baier, Green, Richter, O'Brien. Nays: None. Pettinger had left the meeting and did not vote. Motion carried.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to approve the Cass County Safety Action Plan in support of strategies outlined in Iowa's Five-Year Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) 2024-2028 and the overall vision of zero fatalities on Iowa's public roadways. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trent Wolken, County Engineer, reviewed current road and equipment projects.

Green moved, Richter second, to close the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024, with up to four hours of pay for employees not covered by a bargaining agreement. Ayes: Green, Richter, Baier. Nays: O'Brien. Motion carried.

Reports filed: Clerk of Court.

The following claims were approved, and the auditor authorized to issue checks for the same:

General Basic Fund

Adams County Sheriff's Dept	Notice	36.67
Ahlers Cooney Attorneys	HR Legal Services	1950.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	1138.91
Anita Tribune Co Inc	Publishing	932.79
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	923.80
Atlantic News Telegraph	Publishing	1213.56
Sean Berens	Cellular Services	40.00
Cappels	Supplies	468.68
Carroll Control Systems, Inc.	Boiler Repairs	1114.00
Cass Co Environ Landfill	Contribution	10.00
Cass County Pest Control	Pest Control	40.00
CDW Government, Inc	Equipment	391.71
Central Iowa Dist. Inc.	Custodial Supplies	550.00
Choice Printing LLC	Office Supplies	76.00
City of Lewis	Utilities	101.13
Cook Sanitation	Sanitary Disposal	195.00
Cott Systems, Inc Valsoft	Maintenance/License	855.00
Culligan Soft Water Serv	Cooler Rent	65.00
DAIDA	Software Service	325.00
Ed's Lawn Equipment	Equipment Maintenance	70.00
Electronic Engineering Corp	Tech Support	72.50
Fareway Stores Inc	Food and Provisions	326.91
Five Q Innovations, LLC	Website Hosting	50.00
Griswold American Forsyth Publ	Publishing	830.03
Guthrie County Public Health	Grants	5459.13
Jacobsen's Inc of Adair	Supplies	28.72
Jocebee Apts Tracey Bell, Mana	Rent	300.00
KJAN	Advertising	500.00
Lake County Divers Supply	Dive Suit Repairs	383.00
Laverty Sanitation Brandon Lav	Sanitation Expense	224.00
Mail Services LLC	Postage	869.72

Mediacom	Telephone Services	1106.14
Mid Plains Properties LLC	Rent	400.00
Ted's Cooperative aka Midtown	Rent	500.00
Pest Off Pest Control	Pest Control	55.00
Brenda Pottebaum	Custodial Services	1122.00
Dan Proehl	Cellular Services	40.00
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies	48.54
Reporting Services LLC	Transcripts	185.40
Wendy Richter	Mileage	138.50
Schumacher Elevator Co	Elevator Maintenance	278.85
Secure Shred Solutions	Shredding Services	54.00
SIRWA	Utilities	30.00
Kathy Somers	Mileage	36.50
Stone Office Products	Office Supplies	99.55
The Shredder Green Resource Ma	Shredding Services	144.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	1885.95
Visa	Misc Expenses	2464.13
Visual Edge IT	Copier Contract	539.97
W & S Appliance Inc Kendal War	Equipment	299.00
Wex Bank (Fleet)	Fuel	801.79
21st Century Cooperative ATTN:	Chemicals	80.00
American Rescue Plan (ARPA)-GB		
Cass Health	Contribution	30000.00
General Supplemental Fund		
Cass County Sheriff	Notices	1021.31
IMWCA	Work Comp	3412.00
Iowa Communities AssurancePool	Insurance	31862.00
Public Safety Fund	County Contribution	36763.02
Visa	Misc Expenses	113.63
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Cass Co Environ Landfill	Contribution	9630.00
First Wireless, Inc	Equipment Repair	3454.00
Galls LLC	Uniforms	191.91
Gregg Young Automotive	Vehicle Maintenance	109.99
ISAC	Registration	225.00
ISSDA Financial Administration	Dues	200.00
JD Wyman Service	Vehicle Maintenance	92.92
Karl Emergency Vehicles	Vehicle Fitting	21748.00
McAtee Tire Service Inc	Vehicle Mainenance	152.98
OReilly Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	94.78
Richter & Son Towing Inc	Towing Service	275.00
Visa	Misc Expenses	232.91
Wex Bank Fleet Services	Fuel	3697.86
Opioid Settlement		
Zion Integrated Behavioral Hea	Opioid Funding	71.23
Secondary Road Fund		
AA Tree Service LLC	Outside Services	350.00
AgriVision, LLC	Parts/Service	324.93
Alliant Energy	Utilities	490.95
Anita Supply Center	Supplies	56.30
Anita Tribune Co Inc	Publishing	100.00
Atlantic Ag & Auto LLC	Supplies	4.20
Atlantic News Telegraph	Publishing	288.00
Blaine's Service LLC	Tire Repair	42.25
Browns Shoe Fit	Safety	4346.96
Certified Testing Services Inc	Outside Services	5668.00
Choice Printing LLC	Safety	2189.60
Cintas LOC 749	Uniforms	202.04
Cook Sanitation	Sanitary Disposal	60.00
EJS Supply, LLC	Expendable Parts	5325.10
Clarke Gerlock	ROW	2710.50
Griswold Communications	Telephone Service	37.90
Hills Thru-Out, Ltd	ROW	6383.00
Hotsy Cleaning Systems Inc	Supplies	650.00

Housby Mack Inc	Parts/Service	727.44
Interstate Battery Systems of	Expendable Parts	851.70
Jacobsen's Inc of Adair	Supplies	46.06
Massena Telephone Company	Telephone Service	33.45
McAtee Tire Service Inc	Tires/Tire Repair	3714.66
Metal Culverts Inc	Pipe	44259.40
Microbac Laboratories, Inc. c/	Outside Services	115.50
Mid American Energy	Intersection Lighting	6.24
Mid Country Machinery, LLC	Expendable Parts	262.42
Midwest Wheel Companies, Inc.	Expendable Parts	561.38
Jason Mitchell	Reimbursement	9.94
MTS, Inc. M & K Mills Tree Ser	Sanitary Disposal	30.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip, Inc.	Expendable Parts	830.46
Nebraska Iowa Industrial Faste	Supplies	152.66
Nebraska Fuel Supply Inc	Fuel	22698.60
Olsen's Outdoor Power Inc	Supplies	69.98
RDO Truck Center, Co.	Parts/Service	821.13
Jason Rouse Rouse Rentals LLC	ROW	2710.50
Schildberg Construction, Inc.	Rock	132124.33
SIRWA	Water	30.00
Steinbeck & Sons Inc.	Propane	620.00
Tiger Mart Griswold Amoco LC	Fuel	126.88
Truck Center Companies Inc	Parts/Service	6343.95
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	243.07
Dennis Vogl	Reimbursement	24.00
Westel Systems	Telephone Service	37.24
Ziegler Inc.	Parts/Service	2912.85
21st Century Cooperative ATTN:	Fuel	339.68
Sheriff Investigations		
Visa	Misc Expenses	14.00
Local Option Tax Fund		
Cass Co Meals on Wheels	Contribution	650.00
Cass Health	Contribution	8000.00
Co Attorney Special Revenue		
Visa	Misc Expenses	498.37
Local Emergency Mgmt Agency		
Mike Kennon	Fuel/Supplies	105.97
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	163.12
Visa	Misc Expenses	893.07
Environmental Control Agn		
Culligan Soft Water Serv	Water	31.40
Hepler Curbside Recycling Inc	Contract Hauling	13875.12
HLW Engineering Group	Engineering Services	2432.25
Ia Dept of Nat Resources	Solid Waste Fee	8160.37
Marne/Elk Horn Telephone	Telephone Service	4.07
Massena Telephone Company	Telephone/Internet Servic	163.10
Olsen Fuel Supply Inc	Fuel	1265.83
Visa	Miscellaneous	71.88
Ziegler Inc.	Parts/Service	3075.45
Grand Total		462536.37

At 10:28 a.m. O'Brien moved, Green second, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting Thursday, January 2, 2025.