

Cass County Board Proceedings

July 1, 2025		
The Cass County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room with members present: Steve Baier, chair; Stephen Green, Wendy Richter, Mark O’Brien and Bernard Pettinger. Absent: none.		
Green moved, Pettinger seconded, to adopt the consent agenda including:		
• Minutes of the June 17, 2025 meeting		
• Claims		
All ayes. Motion carried.		
O’Brien moved, Green seconded, to approve lending \$250,000 to Anita Economic Development from the Valley Business Park fund for two years at a 0% interest rate to purchase two homes for a new housing development project. All ayes. Motion carried.		
Green moved, O’Brien seconded, to approve issuing a county credit card to Deputy Assessor Stacy Huss with a \$2,500 limit. All ayes. Motion carried.		
O’Brien moved, Pettinger seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-25 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants Over One Year Old. Ayes: Baier, Pettinger, Green, Richter, O’Brien. Nays: none. Motion carried		
Green moved, Pettinger seconded, approving the safety manual as recommended by the safety committee. All ayes. Motion carried.		
O’Brien moved, Pettinger seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-26 Approving the Contract for Cass County Project FM-CO15(85)—8J-15, Bridge Replacement 132 on Rockport Rd., ¼ mile west of City of Massena. Ayes: Baier, Pettinger, Green, Richter, O’Brien. Nays: none. Motion carried.		
Pettinger moved, Green seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-27 Approving the Contract for Cass County Project FM-CO15(88)—55-15, Bridge Replacement 132 on Rockport Rd., ¼ mile west of City of Massena. Ayes: Baier, Pettinger, Green, Richter, O’Brien. Nays: none. Motion carried.		
Trent Wolken, County Engineer, reviewed current road and equipment projects.		
Committee reports: Baier on Juvenile Detention; Pettinger on mental health; Green on Landfill.		
The following claims were approved, and the Auditor authorized to issue checks for the same:		
<u>General Basic Fund</u>		
Access Systems, Inc.	Copier contract	1,522.92
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Akin Building Center	Supplies	53.77
Alliant Energy	Utilities	132.30
Amazon Business Amazon Capital	Office supplies	372.70
Anita Supply Center	Custodial supplies	469.01
Anita Tribune Co., Inc.	Publishing	1,002.99
Atlantic Locker Service	Food and provisions	741.60
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	3,139.49
Atlantic News Telegraph	Publishing	1,657.31
Sean Berens	Cellular services	40.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	53.42
Bob Barker Company, Inc.	Provisions	3,408.12
Brown Electric Co., Inc.	Electrical repairs	149.20
Camblin Plumbing & Heat, Inc.	Repairs	348.20
Cambridge Law Firm, PLC	Professional services	100.00
Cappel’s	Supplies	725.79
Cass County Attorney	Supplies	23.14
Cass County Public Health	Grants	24,255.02
Cass Health	Coroner call	600.00
CDW Government, Inc.	Equipment	1,433.46
Century Link	Telephone services	649.77
Choice Printing, LLC	Office supplies	264.85
City of Atlantic	Ambulance services	17,362.49
City of Lewis	Utilities	310.28
Cook Sanitation	Sanitary disposal	225.00
Cott Systems, Inc. Valsoft	Maintenance/license	855.00
County Binders, Inc.	Repairs	3,000.00
Culligan Soft Water Serv.	Cooler rent	63.00
City of Cumberland	Utilities	193.36
DAIDA	Software service	325.00
Terry Duggan	Mileage	23.13
Ed’s Lawn Equipment	Equipment maintenance	1,301.00
Electronic Engineering Corp.	Repair	72.50
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Food and provisions	390.46
Farmers Electric Cooperative	Utilities	50.48
First Wireless, Inc.	Equipment	506.67
Five Q Innovations, LLC	Website hosting	50.00
Glove Pro Plus	Supplies	450.00
Griswold American Forsyth Publ.	Publishing	282.10
Griswold Communications	Telephone service	303.24
Guthrie Co. Environmental Health	Monthly service	8,607.19
Guthrie County Public Health	Grants	11,539.96
Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Attn. Store Ch.	Prescriptions	223.21
Hy-Vee, Inc., Accts. Rec.	Food and provisions	1,844.32
Imaging Spectrum, Inc., Pakor	Office supplies	295.62
Indeed, Inc.	Job posting	150.00
Iowa Good Roads Assoc., Inc.	Membership dues	95.00
Iowa State Bar Assoc.	Dues	325.00
ISAC	Registration	795.00
ISSDA Financial Administration	Registration	125.00
Jacobsen’s, Inc. of Adair	Supplies	36.69
Erik Johnson	Registration/lodging	817.08
KJAN	Radio advertising	1,062.00
Laverty Sanitation, Brandon L.	Sanitation service	224.00
Kristy Libby	Registration/lodging	976.12
Madison Lund	Mileage	358.45
Mail Services, LLC	Postage	1,573.11
Massena Implement Co.	Equipment maintenance	8.00
McAttee Tire Service, Inc.	Vehicle maintenance	322.08
Mediacom	Telephone services	1,716.27
Meredith Communications, LLC	Advertisements	1,070.00
Mid American Energy	Utilities	150.74
Mid Plains Properties, LLC	Rent	400.00
Ted’s Cooperative, aka Midtown	Rent	960.00
MLK Real Estate, LLC	Rent	400.00
Nishna Valley Dental	Dental care	310.00
Nishnabotna Valley REC	Utilities	1,008.30
Mark O’Brien	Office equipment	24.55
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	Office supplies	481.13
The Office Stop	Office supplies	238.53
Per Mar Security Services Corp.	Monitoring services	364.44
Pest Off Pest Control	Pest control	55.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Postage	500.00
Postmaster	Stamps	146.00
Brenda Pottebaum	Custodial services	1,185.00
PRIA	Membership dues	60.00
Dan Proehl	Cellular services	40.00
Professional Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	288.00
Purchase Power	Postage	5,001.36
Quill Corporation	Office supplies	722.04
Roland Funeral Services, Inc.	Transport	492.00
Safariland, LLC	Supplies	215.91
Schumacher Elevator Co.	Elevator maintenance	278.85
Christine Short	Mileage	12.33
SIRWA	Utilities	30.00
Solutions, Harris Local Gov.	Tech support	18,802.50
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water testing	108.00
Steeple Jack, c/o Jim Staats	Flag pole painting	945.00
Stone Office Products	Office supplies	2,335.21
The Shredder Green Resource Ma.	Shredding services	84.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellular service	1,482.71
Visa	Misc. expenses	4,190.84
Visual Edge IT	Copier contract	490.65
Mary Ward	Mileage	99.29
Wex Bank (Fleet)	Fuel	1,471.14
Allison Wise, CSR-RPR	Transcripts	538.50
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
Cass County Attorney	Postage	9.68
Cass County Sheriff	Notices	2,284.02
Children’s Square USA	Juvenile services	933.00
Crittenton Center, Inc.	Emergency shelter care	326.55
Public Safety Fund	County contribution	39,971.85
Purchase Power	Postage	731.19
SEAT Treasurer, ISAC	Registration	550.00
Shelby County Auditor	Rent/utilities/custodial	1,595.00
Weimer Law, PC, Krisanne Corl W.	Juvenile services	2,100.00
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
Atlantic News Telegraph	Publishing	53.66
Cappel’s	Supplies	52.14
Cass Co. Environ. Landfill	Contribution	9,630.00
Galls, LLC	Uniforms	480.94
Gregg Young Automotive	Vehicle	52,224.60
Harkins Service, LLC	Vehicle maintenance	138.90
McAttee Tire Service, Inc.	Vehicle maintenance	4,594.44
McCunn Specialty Firearms, LLC	Ammunition	2,570.00
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Vehicle maintenance	51.74
Per Mar Security Services Corp.	Monitoring services	36.00
Richter & Son Towing, Inc.	Towing service	275.00
Secondary Road Fund	Reimburse sec. rd. hours	60,000.00
Sunset Law Enforcement	Ammunition	1,876.60
Darrel B. Turner, PhD	Registration	750.00
Visa	Misc. expenses	4,811.70
Wex Bank Fleet Services	Fuel	3,490.53

Xtreme Auto	Vehicle maintenance	322.80
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Agri Drain Corp.	Supplies	150.79
AgriLand FS, Inc.	Supplies	154.50
AgriVision, LLC	Parts/service	2,835.98
Alliant Energy	Utilities	509.08
Allied Oil & Supply, Inc.	Oil/supplies	3,801.87
Anita Supply Center	Supplies	171.46
Ascendance Trucks, LLC Corp.	Parts/repairs	36.91
Atlantic Ag & Auto, LLC	Supplies	51.26
Atlantic Motor Supply, Inc.	Supplies	1,776.69
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	295.29
Blaine’s Service, LLC	Tire repairs	159.82
Botna Way Ag Supply, LLC	Supplies	772.00
Bower Welding & Fabrication, LLC	Outside services	797.91
Brown Auto Body, LLC	Parts/service	270.00
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc., Inc.	Consultant fees	3,028.75
Cappel’s	Supplies	2,052.63
Cass Health	Testing	81.00
Dave Christensen	Reimbursement	40.00
Cintas LOC 749	Uniforms	232.10
City of Massena	Reimbursement	12,338.35
Cook Sanitation	Sanitary disposal	85.00
Diamond Mowers, LLC	Expendable parts	506.56
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Supplies	400.68
Gregg Young Automotive	Parts/service	1,034.50
Griswold Communications	Telephone service	37.98
Scott Holaday	Reimbursement	40.00
Curtis Holste	Reimbursement	40.00
John Deere Financial	Equipment	10,850.00
Robert Kirchner	Reimbursement	40.00
Mark Knudsen	Reimbursement	40.00
Lindeman Tractor, Inc.	Parts/service	438.17
Lyman Ag Supply, Inc.	Supplies	1,838.75
Massena Telephone Company	Telephone service	33.47
McAttee Tire Service, Inc.	Tires/tire repair	3,867.55
Metal Culverts, Inc.	Pipe	164,104.30
Mid American Energy	Intersection lighting	6.21
Midwest Wheel Companies, Inc.	Expendable parts	497.82
Ethan Miller	Reimbursement	40.00
Jason Mitchell	Reimbursement	40.00
MTS, Inc., M&K Mills Tree Serv.	Sanitary disposal	30.00
Nebraska Iowa Industrial Fast.	Supplies	494.22
Nishnabotna Valley REC	Intersection lighting	39.21
Olsen Fuel Supply, Inc.	Fuel	25,540.40
Olsen’s Outdoor Power, Inc.	Supplies	69.98
Purchase Power	Postage	2.76
RDO Truck Center Co.	Parts/service	3,970.64
Road Builders, Inc.	Parts/service	16,559.07
Schildberg Construction, Inc.	Rock	151,892.76
SIRWA	Water	30.00
Andrew Steffen	Reimbursement	40.00
Stone Office Products	Office supplies	636.90
Summit Fire Protection	Outside services	832.75
Ten Point Construction Co., Inc.	Patching	45,245.00
Tiger Mart Griswold Amoco, LC	Fuel	184.80
Truck Center Companies, Inc.	Parts/service	679.76
Unity Point Clinic-Occ. Med.	Testing	84.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellular service	243.07
Visa	Misc. expenses	23.79
WesTel Systems	Telephone service	37.32
Kyle Wilmeth	Reimbursement	40.00
Trent Wolken	Reimbursement	40.00
Ziegler, Inc.	Parts/service	19,300.51
21 st Century Cooperative	Fuel	934.61
<u>Sheriff Investigations</u>		
Visa	Misc. expenses	14.00
<u>Sheriff Investigations Federal</u>		
Axon Enterprise	Software licenses	20,680.30
<u>Local Option Tax Fund</u>		
Anita Food Pantry	Contribution	100.00
Atlantic Food Pantry	Contribution	100.00
Brun Ko Farm	Plants	200.00
Cass Co. Meals on Wheels	Contribution	650.00
Cumberland Care & Share	Contribution	100.00
KJAN	Advertising	116.19
The Lord’s Cupboard	Contribution	100.00
Meredith Communications, LLC	Advertising	250.00
Produce in the Park	Contribution	100.00
Rolling Acres Farm, Denise O’Brien	Plants	100.00
<u>Co. Attorney Special Revenue</u>		
Bev Groves	Office supplies	31.99
<u>Capital Projects</u>		
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	523.09
<u>2017 Agribusiness URA-TIF</u>		
Elite Octane, LLC	Development agreement	370,578.61
<u>Local Emergency Mgmt. Agency</u>		
Mike Kennon	Fuel/supplies	202.88
Stryker	First aid equipment	11,713.68
Verizon Wireless	Cellular service	81.48
<u>Environmental Control Agn.</u>		
Cappel’s	Supplies	9.75
Cass Health	Testing	175.00
Choice Printing, LLC	Office supplies	579.29
Culligan Soft Water Serv.	Water	42.60
Farmers Electric Cooperative	Utilities	1,467.46
Hepler Curbside Recycling, Inc.	Contract hauling	21,393.70
Ia. Dept. of Nat. Resources	Work comp.	5,611.49
IMWCA	Work comp.	4,342.00
Iowa Waste Services, LLC	Waste disposal fees	19,460.52
Lindeman Tractor, Inc.	Parts/service	2.33
Marne/Elk Horn Telephone	Telephone service	4.10
Massena Telephone Company	Telephone/internet serv.	163.10
Microbrac Laboratories, Inc.	Testing fees	657.94
The Office Stop	Office supplies	139.00
Olsen Fuel Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,413.70
Purchase Power	Postage	95.50
The Retrofit Companies, Inc.	Recycling	2,141.03
Robert Richert	Reimbursement	116.76
Rockwell Repair	Outside services	959.13
Secondary Road Fund	Reimburse sec. rd. hours	500.00
Unity Point Clinic-Occ. Med.	Testing	42.00
Visa	Miscellaneous	712.67
<u>Constrv. Land Acq./Cap. Improvement</u>		
RES Great Lakes, LLC	Native plants	656.46
Visa	Misc. expenses	328.04
GRAND TOTAL		1,280,083.73
At 10:05 a.m. Green moved, O’Brien second, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting July 15, 2025.		

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Nominations Now Open For Farmers & Ranchers to Serve On USDA Farm Service Agency County Committees

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. These committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2025 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2025.

“Serving on an FSA county committee provides producers with a unique opportunity to have a say in local farm program decisions, ensuring FSA policies work, as intended, for producers at the county level,” said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. “Nominations are now open; here’s your chance to support

USDA’s commitment to putting Farmers First by amplifying the voices of farmers and ranchers within your community and effectively delivering the economic support they deserve.”

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Producers interested in serving on the FSA county committee can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and determine if their LAA is up for election by contacting their local FSA office.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

- Participate or cooperate in a USDA program.
- Reside in the LAA that is up

for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages all eligible producers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agriculture community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members play a key role in how FSA delivers disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Urban & Suburban County Committees

FSA urban county committees work to promote urban, indoor and other emerging agricultural production practices. Urban committee members are nominated and elected to serve by local urban producers in the same jurisdiction. Urban county committee members provide outreach to ensure urban producers understand USDA programs, serve as the voice of other urban producers and assist in program implementation that support the needs of growing urban communities.

The 27 cities with urban county committees are listed at fsa.usda.gov/elections and farmers.gov/urban.

More Information

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county’s election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. This form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2025 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by the Aug. 1, 2025, deadline. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in November 2025.

FSA helps America’s farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

Hands Free Driving Law Has Taken Effect

Iowa’s new hands free driving law prohibiting hand-held device usage while driving went into effect on July 1, 2025, with an initial warning period through December 31, 2025. Law enforcement and public safety groups, like the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa Governor’s Traffic and Safety Bureau, and the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, will be working to educate the public about the new law during this 6-month warning period. Governor Kim Reynolds signed bill SF 22 into law on April 2, 2025, making Iowa the 31st state in the nation to enact hands-free legislation.

The Iowa Bicycle Coalition has been a strong advocate for this legislation along with their partners in the End Distracted Driving Coalition, a statewide group of more than 28 organizations, including representatives from law enforcement, business, healthcare, labor, transportation and insurance sectors. The coalition’s mission is to reduce distracted driving by passing a comprehensive hands-free driving law in Iowa. By uniting di-

verse voices, the coalition raises awareness, promotes safer roads, and has helped pass this critical legislation during the 2025 Iowa legislative session.

Luke Hoffman, Executive Director of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, said, “Passage of the hands-free law is a fundamental leap forward for public safety in our state. The law will make cyclists and pedestrians safer by tamping down on distracted driving, which is a primary cause of incidents where cyclists are hit and killed on our roadways. Also, the law more broadly protects everyone on our shared roadways since the vast majority of distracted driving incidents involve driver-on-driver crashes.”

Safe Roads Iowa Program Launched With New Funding

Following the passage of the law, the Iowa Bicycle Coalition is working to launch a new program called Safe Roads Iowa, aimed at educating drivers on how they can comply with the new law and be part of the solution for roadway safety. The Iowa Bicycle Coalition has set a goal of fundraising \$100,000 for this new program by the end of 2026, and has already received initial start-up funding for the program from CHI Health of \$2,500 and Fred Hubbell for \$10,000, as well as \$12,500 from small dollar donors. This momentum has brought together 25% of the total fundraising goal in a short period of time.

Practical Tips & Resources For Staying Hands Free

- Familiarize yourself with the new rules, using online resources like BIKEIOWA, Iowa Department of Public Safety, Drive Smart Iowa and GTSB for details on the hands free driving law.
- Practice keeping your hands off your phone – identify your triggers, wrap up messages and calls before driving and rely on passengers.
- Turn your phone to “Driving Focus” or “Do Not Disturb” mode while driving.
- Install a vehicle phone mount, auxiliary phone cable or Bluetooth connected technology in your vehicle.
- Remember the risks and costs of driving distracted. Keeping your phone out of your hands will help save lives.

Future Policy & Program Efforts

Another goal of the program is also to highlight existing programs such as the Share the Road license plate program with the IDOT and Safe Routes to School program, as well as further policy measures that should be taken up in future legislative sessions to continue to put public safety first, such as a Safe Passing Law and combating Super Speeders legislation, like recently passed legislation in Georgia and Washington state.

Best States For Summer Road Trips

1. Minnesota
2. New York
3. Ohio
4. Utah
5. Louisiana

Worst States For Summer Road Trips

46. Montana
47. Vermont
48. Rhode Island
49. Connecticut
50. Delaware

Best vs. Worst:

- California has the highest number of scenic byways, which is 22 times higher than in Connecticut and Delaware, the states with the lowest.
- Mississippi has the lowest daily price for camping, which is 2.9 times lower than in California, the state with the highest.
- Texas has the lowest price for a three-star hotel room, which is 2.8 times lower than in Hawaii, the state with the highest.
- New Hampshire has the lowest number of car thefts per 1,000 residents, which is 11.4 times lower than in Washington, the state with the highest.



Everyone knows everyone, There are no strangers here. Unless you're new And failed yet to In front of us appear.