Press Release:

RE: Cass County Supervisor District 4 Vacancy

The committee designated by Iowa Code Sections 69.8 and 69.14A (County Treasurer, County Auditor, and County Recorder) met on Thursday, November 12th and Monday, November 16th, 2026 to discuss filling the vacant supervisor seat for the fourth district by appointment after the resignation of Steve Baier effective December 31, 2026. After reviewing and discussing, the committee decided to fill the vacancy by appointment rather than call for a special election to save the county approximately $7500. The committee plans to appoint by January 1, 2027.

Persons who would like to be considered for the appointment shall submit a letter of interest, application, and resume to the County Recorder's Office no later than 4:30 pm December 9th, 2026. Submissions may be made in person at the courthouse or by email. The letter of interest, application, and resume can be emailed to: mward@casscoia.us . Candidates shall have resided in Cass County for more than sixty days prior to January 1, 2027 and continue to reside in the fourth district through the length of the term which expires December 31, 2028.

Eligible candidates will be interviewed by the committee at the Cass County Courthouse beginning the week of December 14th, 2026.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 69.14A, subsection 1.a.(2)., citizens of Cass County may request a special election to fill the vacancy by filing a petition with the Cass County Auditor containing the signatures of 539 eligible electors of Cass County no later than 14 days after the appointment is made to fill the vacancy.

The individual appointed by the committee will serve until the end of the term being December 31, 2028. Questions may be directed to any member of the vacancy committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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