

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 6, 2009

The Cass County Commissioners met in executive session at 12:00 P.M. in regards to personal issue. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, John Hillis, Attorney, Vaneen Ide, Auditor and Carrie Harvey. Letters were received from Carrie Harvey. Following the executive session the Cass County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, John Hillis, Attorney, and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND ADGENDA

A motion to amend the agenda for April 6, 2009 to add Phone system and findings of the executive session was made by Gene Powlen, and seconded by Jim Sailors. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES & UTILTTY/PAYROLL CLAIMS

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the minutes, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the Utility and Payroll claims, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley reported final draft of the road cut ordinance was completed. Clean up of the highway garage yard has netted the county \$4000.00 dollars for scrape materials, which was remitted to the Auditor's office for County General Fund. The CCHD will assist in the "River Bank Clean-Up" project scheduled for April 11th. The holiday schedule presents a challenge, but we will work with Brenda Louthain and her crews to pick up trash collected. Personal has been realigned in anticipation of numerous projects. We will be asking for assistance from Cass County residents with regards to "fill dirt" that will be generated as the berm projects start. Interested residents should leave their name,

address and phone number at the CCHD. We will contact them when we will be in their area and distribute this dirt on a first come/first serve basis.

Steve Easley would like the Commissioners approval to fill a current driver opening as well as an expected clerical position. Both positions were included in the 2009 budget. Jim Sailors made the motion, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Year to date the CCHD has processed 477 work orders. Steve Easley noted that the WTH system has always been available but used sparingly. Since starting to use this system again it has helped with the daily work assignments, tracking pending and completed work activities.

Jeff Smith reported that there are 20 documented areas in the county where significant damage to road segments have occurred. A plan has been initiated to start preparing these areas for repair. We anxiously await work from INDOT on the status of the stimulus projects that were submitted. We were advised this could take ten weeks.

Approval was received from the County Council on March 20th allowing us to move forward for Bridges #13 and #23. CCSWD and the Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections helped dispose of old tires on "Tire Amnesty Day". A reimbursement of \$832.13 from INDOT for maintenance remediation work performed on Cass county road 700 W due to the state detour on US 35N this past fall. An engineering study is being completed with regard to a previous request to consider a 4-way stop at Indian Creek Road and CR 200 N. INDOT plans a detour on SR25 S in the next 30-45 days. The local detour designation is CR 300 S. between SR 25S and SR 29.

At this time Steve Easley asked the Commissioners to consider the new Road Cut Ordinance for approval. Gene Powlen made a motion, and Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Gene Isaacs Cass County Sheriff appeared for approval of a FMLA for one of his staff. Gene Powlen made a motion and Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Isaac also requested the replacement of two full time correction officers and one part-time. All positions are part of his current budget. Gene Powlen made a motion and Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Parks Department

Sandy Heckard head of the County Park Department requested three seasonal employees. Jim Sailors made a motion, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. At this time Sandy introduced her new supervisor at the park Don Riehly.

ADULT PROBATION

Dave Wagner from Adult Probation appeared to request 7 to 8 full time correctional officers for the new Work Release Center. These positions will be funded with Grant money. Dave would like to begin hiring the first part of May. Jim Sailors made a motion to give the Council a positive recommendation, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BUSSINESS

Dave Arnold noted that the findings from INdigital were in and request for proposal for a consolidated telephone system should be advertised. Jim Sailors made a motion, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gene Powlen made a motion to uphold the E-911 Governing Board decision discussed in the executive session, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

The sealed bids for EMA were opened:

Dilling Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Logansport, IN -\$27,815.00

Shepler Construction Co. Logansport, IN -\$15,450.64

Gene Powlen made a motion to take bids under advisement, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TABLED BIDS

Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the one and only bid received from Ad Valorem Solutions, LLC, for \$300,200.00, for the upcoming reassessment, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ADJOURN

Dave Arnold reported that the prescription cards offered by the county and used by county residents had saved them \$15,101.45. That averages as to \$1,677.94 per month, a 20% savings. The next Commissioners Certificate Sale will be held on April 30, 2009. There are 82 properties.

Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor