

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 1, 2009

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in attendance were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Dave Arnold made additions to the agenda to add Parks Department-Sandy Heckard and Prosecutor – Kevin Enyeart. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the additions, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES & UTILITY/PAYROLL

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

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his bi-weekly report. County road 800 N. between CR 600 East and CR 700 East and County road 800 east are still "Travel at Your Own Risk". The sink hole at the intersection of Northern Ave and Clifton Ave has been remediated. Currently there is a stone cover over the repaired area and plans are to finish the area with asphalt in the next week or so. Motorists might experience slight delays when this work is being completed.

The "Total Patcher" unit recently purchased went into service on May 26th. A representative from Equipment Marketing was on site to conduct on –the-job training for four (4) employees who will be initially assigned to operate the equipment. Steve publicly thanked Paul Coutts and the Carroll County Highway Department for their assistance. Not only did they agree to sell Cass County emulsion on a short- term basis, but personnel who have operated the same equipment for several years provided helpful pointers on operating and maintaining the equipment to our trained employees.

Jeff Smith and Steve both attended the INDOT LPA Development training in Plymouth . The CCHD now has two persons capable of signing for future LPA projects. Steve noted that of the 95 applicants for the clerical position he has narrowed it to nine and hopes to hire by June 6. 50 applications for the driver position have been received and hope to have that position filled no later than July 2.

The 2009 Cass County Road Remediation Plan ended up with approximately 59 miles of road. 53 roads will receive chip and seal, 63 sections will have pug applied. The list does not include the roads submitted for stimulus consideration. Jeff Smith addressed the pot hole situation and the county is trying to take care of them as soon as possible. So far almost 100 tons of cold/hot mix patch has been used.

Cass County's application for additional Group IV funds regarding the CR 300 south project was submitted by the May 21st deadline. We are anxiously awaiting word from INDOT-Laporte on whether or not this project will receive additional funding this calendar year. The bids for bridge #13 and #23 will be presented at the June 15th meeting of the Commissioners.

The County met with City officials on May 26th to initiate joint discussions on the future relinquishment of portions of SR 25 back to the County and City as part of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor. INDOT has requested both County and City put together a list of expectations with respect to each entity taking over ownership of specified areas.

E-911

Lori Forrer appeared to request replacement of two (2) full time positions. These are positions already in the budget. Jim Sailors made a motion in favor, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Sandy Heckard appeared before the Commissioners to clarify summer help. Sandy has 2 substitutes for the life guard positions. They only work when the regular guards are not available. So there is no increase in budgeted payroll.

Ed Beheler appeared to ask for an additional employee. The Commissioners asked if he was planning on requesting the same for the 2010 budget. His response was yes. He feels the department will not run efficiently with only 2 people to staff the IT department. Jim Sailors made a motion to not recommend the additional person for the remaining year of 2009, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners will give the Counsel a negative recommendation for an additional person.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. (Note Kevin Enyeart from the Prosecutors did not appear after being added to the agenda.) Dave Arnold moved to adjourn. Jim Sailors made a motion, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor