

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 5, 2009

The Cass County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. in the government building hearing room, Logansport. In attendance were Dave Arnold and Gene Powlen, and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REORGANIZATION

The board reorganized for 2009, Gene Powlen motioned to appoint Dave Arnold as Board President, Dave Arnold seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously. Gene Powlen motioned to appoint Jim Sailors as Vice President, Dave Arnold seconded. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made on a unanimous motion by Dave Arnold, seconded by Gene Powlen:

Attorney-John Hillis, 1 year 1-01-09 to 12-31-09
Highway Supervisor-Steve Easley, 1year 1-01-09 to 12-31-09
Highway Clerks-Malinda Knebel, Georgia Schroder, 1year each 1-1-09 to 12-31-09
Veterans Service Officer-Larry Lowry, 1year 1-1-09 to 12-31-09

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made on a unanimous motion by Dave Arnold, seconded by Gene Powlen:

Alcoholic Beverage Board- Clyde Patty, 1year 1-1-09 to 12-31-09
Board of Health-Chris Ciotta, 4years 1-1-09 to 12-31-2012
Board of Health-Pat Benedict, 4years 1-1-09 to 12-31-2012

MINUTES & UTILITY CLAIMS

Dave Arnold motioned to approve the December 1, 2008 minutes, Gene Powlen seconded. Dave Arnold motioned to approve the Utility Claims, Gene Powlen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Steve Easley discussed placing second order of salt, to date they have used 500 ton of the 800 allocated. Sampling of alternative to sand/salt mix to take place sometime this week. Joint meeting with Sheriff and E-911 to take place 1-7-09 at 1:30 P.M. in Sheriff's Conference room. Over seventy work orders received from December 19th ice storm to remove fallen limbs. Truck #123 is repaired and

ready to go back on the road after a slide off. Claim for 160,000.00 submitted to FEMA for flood damage incurred early 2008 and roads repaired this past summer.

Jeff Smith updated on meeting with new lobbyist Dennis Falkenburg. The affects of drainage problem on Mogan Hill road. Meeting to take place with INDOT in LaPorte at which time presentation for requested funding to reconstruct Chase Road and approval of same. Speed limit on 475 E. in Anoka received favorable response from residents. Relinquishment of portions of SR25 will begin, this coincides with the construction of the Hoosier Heartland through Cass County. Design work continues on BE-110(CR500 E.) Damaged guard rails to be replaced as weather permits. Striping of Davis Road to be completed when weather permits.

STAFFING REQUESTS

Pat Hann , Building Supervisor, Beth Liming-Clerk, and Vaneen Ide, Auditor all requested replacement of one staff member, positions already in budget. Dave Arnold motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Cass County Commissioners' in regards to the Grant for the GIS system. Commissioners had concerns and Dave Arnold made motion to table at this time, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMBINED DISPATCH

Inter local agreement for combined E-911 Dispatch approved by the both the Cass County Council and the Cass County Commissioners. Dave Arnold made motion, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

There were no public comments and the meeting adjourned unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor