

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 20, 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, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, John Hillis, Attorney and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES & UTILITY CLAIMS

Jim Sailors motioned to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes, Gene Powlen seconded. Gene Powlen motioned to approve the Utility Claims (there were none to approve) Jim Sailors seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Steve Easley discussed the test of the new salt/sand/boost mixture. The results were encouraging and some other counties interested and checking the results. The benefit of this new product will expand the use of our salt. Meeting was held with Waste Management on 1-8-09 to address Morgan Hill issue, additional work will continue Spring/Summer. Meeting scheduled for Chase Road was cancelled and rescheduled for January 27th. The meeting with INDOT about relinquishment of portions of SR 25 was also rescheduled to January 23, 2009 due to weather.

ORDINANCE

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the Ordinance of the Cass County Commissioners amending Chapter 7, article 2, section(s) 7-13 of the Cass County Code, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING REQUESTS

Sandy Heckard from the Parks Department came before the Commissioner's to request Summer help. Her request was for nine seasonal workers at the current hourly rate. The park beach will be closed on Monday and Tuesdays and beach hours will be from 12 to 6 p.m. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen, seconded. Vote was taken Jim Sailors and Gene Powlen voted yes, Dave Arnold voted no. Motion did carry.

Gene Isaacs from the Cass County Sheriff came before the Commissioner's to request two part-time positions already in budget. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Patty from Security came before the Commissioner's to request replacement of one part-time person already in budget. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vaneen Ide from the Auditor's office came before the Commissioner's to request replacement of full-time position of Claims processor all ready in budget. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Eel Township Trustee

Mr. Kneper appeared before the Commissioner's in regards to assistance to Jesse Yike. Both men were put under oath by Attorney John Hillis. Mr. Kneper verified that all paperwork had been processed and Mr. Yike had been approved. Mr. Yike failed to return the needed paperwork to the Trustee's office by the allotted time period. The request was than voided as a response was not obtained in the proper time frame. Jim Sailors made a motion to uphold Mr. Kneper's ruling as Township Trustee to deny Mr. Yike's claim, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF COUNTY PROPERTY

The Cass County Commissioners agreed to transfer and convey the real estate located at 1339 Pleasant Hill, Logansport, Cass County, IN, formally known as the County Home to Peak Community Services. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made on a unanimous motion by Jim Sailors, seconded by Gene Powlen:

Memorial Home Board

Carol Pasquale, Tom Coleman, Tom Scheetz each to 4years, Brian Reed 2 years representing Cass County Council and Dave Arnold 2years representing the Cass County Commissioners.

Cass County Plan Commission, Jim Sailors, Commissioner, by virtue of Office

Logansport Economic Dev. Foundation, Gene Powlen, Commissioner, by virtue of Office.

Industrial Park Board, Gene Powlen, Commissioner, by virtue of Office

Cass County Redevelopment Commission, Dave Arnold, Commissioner, by virtue of Office

Cass County Economic Development Commission, Dave Arnold, Commissioner, by virtue of Office.

Solid Waste District

Jim Sailors, Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Commissioners ,by virtue of Office

Drainage Board

Jim Sailors, Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Commissioners ,by virtue of Office

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Wes Parmeter addressed the Commissioner's with concerns over staffing of France Park. He felt that Sandy Heckard should not have to cut her staff, but maintain the same numbers as the previous year. Having been the past Superintendent of the park he felt that cutting staffing would result in neglect of certain areas. The Commissioners stated that Sandy could come back and ask for additional if it was needed and funds were available.

Don Weikle thanked the Commissioner's for County Home on behalf of Peak Community Services.

Dave Arnold motioned to dismiss Gene Powlen seconded and the meeting adjourned unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor