

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 21, 2009

The Cass County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, John Hillis, Attorney and Vaneen Ide, Auditor.

NEW AGENDA ITEM

John Carson, Clay Township Trustee was to be on the agenda and was omitted. Gene Powlen made a motion to amend the current agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Gene presented reports for the months of October and November.

	October	November
Prisoner Bookings	178	157
Miles Transporting Prisoners	3,190	2,720
Meals Served to Prisoners	16,833	16,661
Officer Patrol Miles	39,638	39,031
Traffic Warnings Issued	3	51
Traffic arrests/Citations	58	42

DWI Arrests	14	5
Criminal Arrests	8	11
Accident Investigations	40	58
Property Damage	34	53
Personal Injury	6	4
Fatalities	0	1
Reserve Officers Hours	168	219
Civil Process Mileage	2,931	2,307
Civil Process Papers Served	946	859

Sheriff Isaacs reports the department is doing just great. The officers are involved in additional schooling. The jail has a good team right now. Exit questionnaire is in the process. As of December 18th the prisoner count was 165.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly update. He and Dusty have been very busy working on multiple projects. In January a new Manatron Proval System will be launched. The new server for Proval is mounted and software configuration has taken a considerable amount of time. New Antivirus solution has been purchased and is being installed one office at a time.

The dispatch/Sheriff department switch over to IDACS messenger went well and it is currently installed and in use on all county IDACS terminals. Brightnet had been down and we now have the fiber connection between the courthouse and the annex building for the data storage backup, up and going. Testing will begin on December 21 and we hope to begin to use the connection early in 2010.

The intake desk at the Jail got some new hardware for their commissary financial system. The new system would not run on the old machine so we upgraded the intake machine to a new system. The Lockdown server is now on new hardware; Stellar furnished a server to run it on, which alleviates some of load on one of our oldest servers. Dusty and I took a few days and cleaned up and reorganized the IT office. There is still more that needs to be done. We also got quite a bit cleaned out of the I.T.

storage closet and will continue to work on getting the old junk machines brought to the warehouse in preparation to be recycled.

Property cards have been created and are on the internet through GIS mapping. This should be helpful to the taxpayers.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners in regards to replacing an employee and additional positions. The recommendation from the Personnel Committee was to hire a work release coordinator, to hire part-time case manager and to hire additional part-time people to increase the pool of available personnel to fill time slots. Jim Sailors made a motion to give the Council a positive recommendation for these positions, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. It was explained and understood that if and or when grant funding is reduced that cuts will be made in this department. The County will not be appropriating additional funds to cover such reductions. A positive recommendation that Mr. Houser have his employment title/status changed to reflect new title of Corrections Officer in order to allow for holiday pay.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

John Carson did not appear for the township assistance public hearing. The two applicants Ms. Holiday and Ms. Miller did not appear for the hearing. Certified letters were received by all involved and the time and date information was included in the letter. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Skip Kuker appeared and informed the Commissioners that the first week day that is non holiday which happens to be January 4th the appointments must be made for the LEDF board. That board is mandated by the State of Indiana to meet on January 4th. Dave Arnold assured Mr. Kuker that the appointments would be made on the 4th, so a meeting could take place in the afternoon.

Brian Horner from the North Central Co-op appeared and spoke with the Commissioners about the new fueling station at the intersection of Water Street and Third Street. They are interested in placing bids with the county at open bidding time.

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.