

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 7, 2009

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

MINUTES & EXPENSE CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the November 16th minutes, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve claims/payroll, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Paul Weaver will be retiring after 23 years of service. Please wish him well and have a healthy and good retirement. With Paul's retirement and the addition of new personnel the CCHD has revamped the 18 territories the drivers will cover during inclement weather. The CCHD will be meeting with E-911, EMA, and the Sheriff's department to review our individual department plans to include any potential joint efforts that develop or be required for the upcoming winter weather.

The CCHD has completed our initial assessment of itemizing inventories in our spare parts room. The plan is to establish replenishment levels and set-up an order system that will be coordinated by Mel Howard. Mel will be responsible for re-order and tracking responsibility, and make sure appropriate efforts are extended to achieve "best pricing available" when purchases are made.

Steve was at the IACC conference last week and the funding which our county normally receives will be significantly less than what we have received in past years. This reinforces the need for the CCHD to review the current five year road maintenance plan and make necessary adjustments.

Jeff Smith appeared with an update of the CCHD projects. Bridge 23 is nearly done; the bridge will remain closed until the guardrails are installed. The abutments were poured for Bridge 13 on December 2nd and 3rd. The culvert DC-110 (100 E/1100 S) is substantially complete and the road is open. Guardrails will be installed by CCHD. Pavement is expected to be placed next year. Installation of railroad advance warning signs funded by a state railroad safety grant has been completed for this year.

Application has been completed for 2009. 132,575 feet of pain striping was placed on over 16 miles of road. An application for just under 1.5 million dollars in additional federal funding has been submitted for the Chase Road project. The awards are expected to be announced in February 2010. A public meeting regarding the Hoosier Heartland segment will be held at the Logansport National Guard Armory December 10th at 6 P.M.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Arin Shaver appeared and presented amended ordinances for the Commissioners to approve. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-17 Amending Manufacturing, Mobile and Modular Homes Standards in the Cass County Zoning Ordinance, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-18 Amending Rule 5, Erosion Plan in the Cass County Subdivision Control Ordinance, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

John Carson appeared before the Commissioners explaining why he rejected a claim for relief from Cory R. Overpeck. John explained the paper work had not been completed correctly. Cory R. Overpeck appeared and explained his situation to the Commissioners. Gene Powlen and Jim Sailors asked Cory questions about his financial situation and the circumstances surrounding his hardship. Jim Sailors made a motion to uphold John Carson's rejection, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Skip Kuker appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the wind study. The dates available are December 15, 16 and 17. It will take at least 30 minutes to an hour to review the results of the study. The Commissioners will pick a date and let Skip know. Skip presented the Commissioner's with a check for \$9,000.00 left from CEDIT funds.

Michael Morin from BIS Digital appeared before the Commissioners. He informed the Commissioners that he had been working with Sheriff Gene Isaacs in regards to the video system for the jail for arraignment hearings. Michael is scheduled to appear before the County Council at their December 18th meeting.

John Hillis presented a Resolution to the Commissioners for their approval. Beth Liming, the Cass County Clerk, is pursuing reimbursement funds for the voting system. Resolution 09-04 was adopted and signed by the Commissioners on this date. John Hillis also presented a Resolution for Help America Vote Act. Gene Pollen made a motion to take this under advisement until the December 21st meeting; Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jim Sailors to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor