

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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

MINUTES & EXPENSE CLAIMS/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 payroll and expense claims, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Dave Arnold presented the name of Daryl Hoover, 5227 N. SR 25, Logansport, IN to be accepted to the Hospital Board. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the appointment of Daryl Hoover, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There will be more appointments in the coming months.

JAIL BOND REFUND

County attorney John Hillis presented to the Commissioners how the refinance would work. The Commissioners had voted at an earlier meeting to go ahead with the Jail Bond Refunding. The debt will end in the year 2014. John Hillis will amend the lease agreement between the Commissioners and the Holding Corp. and amend the payment schedule. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the amendments on the lease and cash payment in 2014. Jim Sailors, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. The Sheriff will give a report to the Commissioners the first meeting of every month. He reported the following to the Commissioners:

174 Prisoner Bookings

4,599 Miles driven transporting prisoners

14,686 Meals served

35 Accident Investigations

26 Property damage reports

8 Personal injuries

39,979 Officer Patrol miles driven	1 Fatality
36 Traffic warnings issued	224 Reserve Officer Hours
40 Traffic arrests/citations	2,649 Civil Process Mileage
5 DWI arrests	987 Civil Process Papers Served
12 Criminal arrests	
SHERIFF VEHICLE BIDS	

Sheriff Gene Isaacs asked that the Commissioners accept the bids as submitted earlier for review to the following dealerships.

Dellen Automotive, Greenfield, IN

2 Marked Squad Cars Dodge Chargers V-8, with trade \$20,992.00
 1 Transport Vehicle Chevy Tahoe with trade (\$5,000) optional Positrac \$23,654.00

Fletcher Chrysler, Franklin, IN

1 Unmarked Squad Car Dodge Charger V-8 \$20,667.00

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

Sheriff Isaacs asked the Commissioner to allow him to replace a full-time CO position. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the replacement, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING SECURITY REPORT

Wes Pameter appeared on behalf of Dave Patty head of building security. The security department would like to secure 2 more part-time positions. The part-time employees work within 80 hours per week. These hours are divided between the staff. No additional funds needed. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow 2 additional positions, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Department Report

Dr. Bennett appeared and gave an update to the Commissioners on the H1N1 Influenza. 97% of all subtype Influenza A virus reported to CDC in Atlanta were H1N1. Of the specimens tested for influenza last week only 17.3% were

positive Influenza A, H1N1 63%, subtype not done 28.1%, Influenza B 0.4%. Vaccine being manufactured and tested, expect vaccine in November a 2 dose series.

We have a small number of Influenza A cases. These are presumed to be H1N1. Cass County is not a Sentinel test site (Lafayette is). Test for Influenza A is 97% accurate for H1N1. Cass County Health Educator will be going into schools to teach hand washing and cough etiquette.

Health Department nurses plan to vaccinate as soon as vaccine becomes available in November. Health Department will announce H1N1 clinics. Nurses and Administrator will educate the public about H1N1 by appearing on radio and in newspaper and will announce H1N1 clinics on the radio and in the newspaper.

Rob McLaughlin appeared before the Commissioners to fill the vacancy for the food inspector position. The Commissioners will pass on the recommendation to the Council. The salary should remain between \$24,000 and \$25,000 entry pay. Gene Powlen made a motion for a positive recommendation to fill the vacancy of the food inspector, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Frank from the Health Department appeared and requested a third nurse position. Dave Arnold requested a report with numbers showing why they needed another position. What would the benefits be to the county? The request was put on hold until further information was provided by the Health Department.

PROBATION

Dave Wegner appeared and requested the Commissioners give the Council a positive recommendation for an additional appropriation of \$15,000.00. Dave is currently looking into applying for a grant to help pay for additional equipment. This could take a couple of months to go through. He thought that he could borrow radios from E-911. Jim Sailors made a motion to give this additional a positive recommendation to the Council, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Wegner informed the Commissioners that the open house for the Work Release Center will be held September 25, 2009 and they will officially open on September 28th.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No one appeared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Steve Easley told the Commissioners that the second "Total Patcher" is now in use. Steve presented to the Commissioners the new Road Cut Ordinance. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the Ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Steve asked the Commissioners to give their okay to replace an employee that had retired. Gene Powlen made the motion to replace the employee at current entry level pay, Jim Sailors, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dave Anold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____
Vaneen M. Ide , Auditor