

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 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. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA

Dave Arnold made a request to amend the agenda. Between III and IV, I.T. monthly report will be heard. Also added between V and VI the 2010 Holiday Schedule, 2010 Commissioners Meeting Dates and Cass County Historical Society. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the amended agenda as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES & EXPENSE CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the minutes from the sale of the Cass County Children's Home as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the expense and payroll as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to replace one QMA officer, two full-time CO and one part-time CO. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the replacement positions at entry level salaries, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Sailors took this opportunity to thank Sheriff Isaacs for patrolling the roads being used for the State Road 25 detour. Dave Arnold asked if the Sheriff's department used exit interviews for those that leave the jail's employ. He stated no and it was suggested that he should. Gene Powlen said he would get some forms to Sheriff Isaacs for that use.

E-911

Sandy Ford appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of Loi Forrer. Sandy was requesting to replace dispatcher for E-911 at entry level pay. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the replacement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2010 MEETING DATES

The dates for the meetings of the Cass County Commissioners were presented by Dave Arnold. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2010 HOLIDAYS

The dates for Holidays were presented by Dave Arnold. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the Holiday schedule as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time Dave Arnold announced that there would be no meeting October 19, 2009 as originally scheduled.

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The contract was presented and read at this meeting. The Commissioners will give a one time appropriation to the Historical Society in 2010 in the amount of \$40,000, 2011 the amount of \$35,000 and in 2012 the amount of \$30,000. At this time the contract will be terminated or reconsidered by the Cass County Commissioners. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Cj and Dusty Beckman have stayed very busy with all of the new copy machines being installed. There were some problems with Superior Court II and the Auditor's office, but both have been resolved. The fiber network is now live. Dispatch was switched over from the wireless link to the fiber network late August. Since then nearly the entire network related issues in dispatch have stopped. After cutting over to fiber we upgraded all the firewalls/routers in the county's buildings. We are now using a much more reliable VPN system to provide interconnectivity among the remote locations and the court house.

The phone system is now in. It is in place in the Jail/Sheriff's dept, County Highway/EMA, Family Opportunity Center, and Probation. The Health the department and the Work Release Center are the only places left to install new phones.

There have been some problems getting the Work Release Center set up before the opening of September 28th. Many items have not yet arrived and this is making for a real crunch to get things up and running. The assessor's office computer system is in need of an upgrade before the Manatron software can be updated. While looking into pricing of this and some other necessary computer upgrades, Cj has talked to CDWG about HP machines. He was told he could save 10% or more by purchasing HP over Dell. Cj has consulted with other county government IT leaders, and found that many have switched and are very happy with both pricing and performance. Quotes have been requested for purchasing HP systems and information on leasing the equipment.

Dave Arnold took this opportunity to compliment both Cj and Dusty for the great job they are doing for the county.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ADJOURN

Skip Kuker came forward with an update for the Commissioners on the Conner Sawmill project. They are working on trying to move fire hydrants and power lines. Skip is working on getting funding through grants for new signage that is required by the Federal government. Some Group II monies may be available.

Lisa Terry appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the Art Alliance. This group wanted to assure the Commissioners that this group is in agreement to proceed with the Grant application for the Memorial Home.

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

Dave Anold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____
Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor