

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

The Cass County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 A.M. in the government building hearing room, Logansport. 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 & UTILITY CLAIMS**

Jim Sailors motioned to approve the minutes, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors motioned to approve the claims, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Steve Easley reported encouraging results with the salt/sand with boost extended the allocation by almost 40%. The drivers will undergo assessment after the snow season. The highway department is looking into a deicing program for certain roads in Cass County. Looking into possible purchase of a brine machine. The highway drivers will undergo personal protective training. Drivers will also be trained as severe weather spotters in order to assist EMA. The Think map training was very beneficial and additional applications were presented. Steve Easley and Jeff Smith will both attend Purdue's Road School.

Steve Easley met with Mr. Stuart and followed up on Mr. Stuart's concerns of the snow removal on his road. Mr. Stuart also expressed concern for the New Waverly Volunteer Fire Dept. and its volunteer's ability to get to a fire when road conditions were bad. Steve is working on a plan for that also. Some concerns about places on the road near the Lewisburg Bridge were brought to the attention of Commissioners and the Highway department, no action can be taken until the weather warms.

Jeff Smith addressed the many projects the Highway Dept. will have under way. Bridge #13 will go to bid in March, along with BE-110. A meeting about Chase Road will be February 19, separate invoices will be used for billing the County and City. The estimated cost for the three culverts for 18<sup>th</sup> Street at 1.3 million.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Health Department appeared before the Commissioners in regard to amending fees for health service. The wording in the ordinance regarding swimming pools needs to be changed to clarify its intent of personal or public. Jim Sailors motioned to table, Gene Powlen , seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **STAFFING REQUESTS**

Sandy Heckard from Parks and Recreation appeared to request replacement of full-time employee. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen, seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Sandy also requested a part-time seasonal employee which would help extend hours so the beach could remain open seven days a week from the hours of 11 to 6. Jim Sailors made a motion, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CASS COUNTY EMA**

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners with a Proposal for ThinkAVL, Jim Sailors made motion, Gene Powlen seconded, motion carried unanimously. During the ice storm in December the EMA was without power due to problems with the generator. It was proposed that the generator from the Highway be moved to EMA and a new generator purchased for the Highway with more power. Jim Sailors motioned and Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This project will go to bid, Alvin Beckman will advertise.

## **CONSOLIDATED UNION**

Michael Bowditch and Tom Coleman appeared for Consolidated Union in regards to Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for 2009-2010. This program will afford the county a three year savings of 134,027.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept, Gene Powlen, seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors took the opportunity to thank Consolidated Union for keeping the Commissioners abreast of changes with the County's insurance.

## **RESOLUTION**

The Resolution Establishing the Intent to Conduct a Commissioner's Sale to Sell Tax Sale Certificates for Properties that are Severely Delinquent in Payment of Property Taxes. Jim Sailors motioned , Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The next sale will take place April 30, 2009.

## **ORDINACE**

The Ordinance that was to be presented by the Health Department was tabled.

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President

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Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:

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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor