

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 16, 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/PAYROLL CLAIMS**

Gene Powlen motioned to accept the minutes with a correction to the wording of the INdigital report. It should read Eric Hartman appeared for INdigital with a proposal to evaluate the county's phone system. Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors motioned to accept the Utility and Payroll claim, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The following appointments were made to:

Indiana Home land Security District 4

Kyle Anderson

District Planning County (DPC)

Cass County Board of Health  
M.D.

Dr. Dustardie(Dusty) Reed,

## **HIGHWAY**

Steve Easley informed the Commissioners that many roads were still underwater from the last rain we received. He strongly urged the general public not to use these roads as they could prove to be of danger. The crews are checking daily and removing road closed signs when the roads can be used. Steve Easley and Jeff Smith attended Purdue's road school for training and educational seminars. There will be training for INDOT initiative. The meeting in LaPorte to discuss monies for road projects issued through the State will be limited by the readiness of a road project. Pictures and traffic counts must already submitted with the proposal. The CCHD has been notified that there is a need to comply with proper disposal of hazardous waste. The road cut ordinance will be revisited at the next meeting.

Jeff and the crew are busy repairing washouts from the rain. The project on CR300 S. is continuing. We are now investigating concerns from residents regarding CR 325 S. (safe access) CR 1050 E & CR 200 S. (water) & PR 250 (road maintenance).

## **ASSESSOR**

Judy Lewis, Assessor appeared before the Commissioners to deliver the specs from the State for the upcoming 2011 assessment. The county received

one bid for reassessment. John Hillis, Attorney opened the bid which was from Ad Valorem Solutions, LLC, Kokomo, IN for the sum of \$300,200.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to table. Gene Powlen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **SHERIFF**

Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with requests for FMLA. Jim Sailors made motion, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A new ordinance will be presented in April for increase in fees for week-end inmates. A quote for the purchase of 12 new radios for the Parks Dept. was presented. The radios will have a stronger signal than the ones used now and Park Dept. employees will be able to reach central dispatch directly with these radios. Gene Powlen motioned, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **JAIL BOND ISSUE**

Refunding of the jail bond was presented to the Commissioners by Attorney John Hillis. Two options are available, one to receive cash or the second to receive credit toward the bond. After a brief discussion the decision to receive credit was chosen. Jim Sailors made the motion, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments. Motion was made by Jim Sailors to adjourn, seconded by Gene Powlen. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on March 3, 2009. Present were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, John Hillis, Co Attorney, Gretchen Miller, John Gambs, Todd Miller and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Real estate was discussed.

An executive session was held on March 20, 2009. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, John Hillis, Co Attorney, Chod Gibson, Lori Forrer, Sandy Ford and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Personal was discussed.

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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