

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

The Cass County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. in the government building hearing room, Logansport. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, John Hillis, Attorney and Vaneen Ide, Auditor. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MINUTES & UTILITY CLAIMS**

Gene Powlen motioned to approve the January 20, 2009 minutes, Dave Arnold seconded. Jim Sailors motioned to approve the Utility Claims, Gene Powlen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Steve Easley reported that crews were brought in on Sunday to combat the drifting east/west roads. Citizens reporting numerous road signs down. The WTH meeting was delayed again due to weather. Received three road cut applications that could impact 500 N, 550 N, and 800 W. DNR advised that Lewisburg Bridge non-compliance issues resolved. New speed limit sign posted at Anoka. Continuing to work with City of Logansport on the Chase Road project. Possible stimulus monies could become available, planning some projects that would qualify.

### **VETERANS SERVICES**

Larry Lowery from the Veterans Service office gave a brief report on the accomplishments of this office. The service van purchased by the County for transporting the Veterans has proved to be very

Beneficial and has saved money. The drivers for this service are all volunteers and must qualify with a valid driver's license and pass a physical. Mr. Lowrey presented a spread sheet showing the savings since receiving the van purchased from the county. This information also included the number of Veterans being served, along with other information. Larry expressed a need for additional drivers for this service. Mr. Arnold and the Commissioners presented Mr. Lowery with a plaque in recognition for all of his time helping and serving the Veteran's of Cass County.

### **STAFFING REQUESTS**

Beth Liming , Clerk of the Courts appeared before the Commissioners to request replacement of a full-time employee. Jim Sailors motioned to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Isaacs , Sheriff, appeared before the Commissioners to request replacement of one full-time and one part-time position. Gene Powlen motioned to approve, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Gene Powlen and seconded by Dave Arnold to appoint Jim Sailors to the Cass County Sick Bank Board was approved unanimously.

### **OPENING OF BIDS**

John Hillis, Attorney for the county opened the sealed bids at this time for work on the Cass County Community Corrections Work Release renovation. The bids as opened in order are:

Easterday Construction Co., INC.-Culver, IN.....	579,500.00
Mattcon General Contractors – Zionsville, IN.....	595,000.00
Michiana Contracting INC. – Plymouth, IN.....	689,564.00

Robert E. Crosby, INC. – Fort Wayne, IN.....	579,365.00
Leo Brown Construction Co.,INC .– Logansport, IN.....	630,000.00
J.R. Kelley Company, INC. – Lafayette, IN.....	652,450.00
Gibson –Lewis, LLC – Mishawaka, IN.....	630,000.00
Steinberger Construction – Logansport, IN.....	622,000.00
Dilling Mechanical Contractors- Logansport, IN.....	671,047.00
Shepler Construction Co. , INC. – Logansport, IN.....	640,000.00

Bids were taken under advisement, Jim Sailors motioned and Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER MEETING TIMES**

The original times listed for the third Monday of the Month meeting were changed due to a conflict. The time was set at 10:00 A.M. for all the meetings held on the third Monday of each month. Jim Sailors motioned, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Mr. John Stuart of 8670 E. Lewisburg Road, Peru, IN addressed the Commissioners. He began by apologizing to Mr. Arnold for calling him at home. Mr. Stuart voiced his concerns over the snow maintenance received on the road which he resides. His concerns were voiced and Mr. Stuart also provided drawings to the Commissioners to help visualize the issue of the snow removal. Mr. Easley from the highway department was present and assured Mr. Stuart that he would look into the problem, and report back to the Commissioners.

Dave Arnold at this time motioned to adjourn, Gene Powlen, seconded and the meeting adjourned unanimously.

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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