

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JANUARY 4, 2010**

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

### **AMEND AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to reflect re-organization and approval of minutes. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE-ORGANIZATION**

Gene Powlen made the motion to reappoint Dave Arnold as President and Jim Sailors as Vice President, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HIGHWAY**

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his highway update. The salt barn is full and unless we have some unforeseen extended weather event we should be okay. Steve wanted to thank Bob Ehle and WSAL 1230/Hoosier Country 103.7/Mix 102.3 for their timely assistance in getting road conditions out over the radio airways to the residents of Cass County. The used oil tank report was submitted to IDEM. The review of our report by IDEM may take up to six months to complete. The next steps if any will be predicated on any feedback we receive for IDEM.

The CCHD is awaiting a second quote for the road repairs we identified as being needed on CR 400 south. This repair activity which is related to improvements made by INDOT on State Road 25 south that resulted in CR 400 S. being used as a detour. Once we have our cost information we will draft a letter outlining what needs to be done with our estimate of costs. INDOT will review and advise their concurrence in total or if there are questions on what is submitted. CCHD is hoping to have the County's letter sent out no later than the end of the month.

We are working with North Central Co-op regarding the potential transition of fuelling activities to their new fuel plaza on North Third Street. CCHD met with NCC representatives on December 21<sup>st</sup> at which time they outlined what activities need to occur before this process can be initiated. We are working to put that detail together and sent to NCC. CCHD anticipates in the coming days/weeks we will meet again with NCC personnel to determine next steps and target a date for when this transition can occur once all parties are in agreement on the terms and conditions of this effort.

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners to report on Bridge 23 CR 650 N near CR 900 W were opened on 12/9/09. Seeding and sealing of the deck remains to be done when the weather permits. Bridge 13 Center Street at CR 700 w. Royal Center could re-open by the end of this week, weather permitting. The deck and approaches were poured just

before Christmas. The roadway approached was poured in concrete instead of asphalt at no additional cost. This allowed the work to be completed now instead of waiting until spring for the approaches to be surfaced.

New signs have been installed on Logansport Road, CR 700E and a small part of CR 400 S as a part of the stimulus resurfacing. These jobs are now complete. The construction signs will be removed after final paperwork is completed. Construction is expected to begin very soon on the Hoosier Heartland segment near Clymers. This work will require CR 400 w is closed between SR 25 and CR 325 S. This phase of the project is projected for completion in April of 2011.

Right-of-way acquisition is nearly complete on the CR 300 S project. The project is scheduled to bid in March of 2010. A traffic count was conducted in December on Chase Road. The results are nearly identical to the counts compiled from a study done in early 2009.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners to request replacement of a full time C.O. officer. This position is already in the budget. Jim Sailors made a motion to grant the request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Gene Powlen asked if the Sheriff's department has implemented the exit report, the Sheriff said it is in place.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The Cass County Commissioners appointed the following:

Building Superintendent	Pat Hann	Until Removed
County Attorney	John Hillis	Until Removed
Highway Supervisor	Steve Easley	Until Removed
Highway Clerks	Melanie Howard	Until Removed
	Georgia Schroder	Until Removed
Veterans Service Officer	Lary Lowy	Until Removed
Weights & Measures Inspector	Ray Staller	Until Removed

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

Drainage Board Attorney	John Hillis	Until Removed
Drainage Board Secretary	Becky Tocco	Until Removed

**BOARD**

**EXPIRES**

Alcoholic Beverage Board	Clyde Patty	12-31-10
Board of Health	Donna Com	12-31-13
Cass County Zoning	David Popejoy	12-31-13
Board of Appeals		
County Redevelopment Commission	John Land	12-31-10
	John Smith	12-31-10
	Joe Carlson	12-31-10
	Gay Chambers	12-31-10

EMA Advisory Council Member	Rocky Buffum Phil Rains	12-31-11 12-31-10
Hospital Board	Kyle Rans Dr. T. Weinstein	12-31-13 12-31-13
Memorial Home Board	Carole Pasquale Tom Coleman Tom Scheetz Dave Arnold Brian Reed	12-31-10 12-31-10 13-31-10 By Virtue of Office By Virtue of Office
Region Four Workforce Development Board	John Hipskind	12-31-10
Wabash River Heritage	Janet Fawley Mercedes Brugh(alt)	12-31-11 12-31-11

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

Skip Kuker appeared to inform the Commissioners that the wind study results could be reviewed at 11:00 a.m. in his office on January 19<sup>th</sup> following their meeting. This group will do a presentation to the public sometime in the spring of 2010.

No other comments, Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President

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Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor