

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

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**

The additional items will be heard at today's meeting. Between item four and five the Highway for EMLA . The Health department item eight will not appear, in place Skip Kuker with LEDF, also between item ten and eleven report on the Memorial Home. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the changes in the agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the claims with the exception on check number 06256 from fund 100, Location 7, Account 13001 for \$100.00, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **I.T.**

The I.T. department has been keeping busy working with the Assessor's office trying to get their program with Manatron working. Dusty has been installing the anti-virus software in each office and is almost finished. Three new sheriff deputy cars have computers installed and operational. After administrative controls were put on the health department's computers we have received numerous calls for assistance. The Probation department is now on the county's domain. All Community Corrections computers that have the proper software to be joined to a domain are now on the county domain as well.

Phase II certification has begun. Candy Heath and CJ Gilsinger have been working with Chris Broughton of Chris Broughton & Associates to start the working for the Phase II certifications required by the State of Indiana. We are now at a standstill waiting for Low and Manatron to finish writing scripts that will allow for integration between the two systems. When the scripts are complete Candy and CJ will be working with one person from each department to get the testing process arranged. The election process has begun for this year. Beth Lining and Ginny Baker are working with CJ to get things lined up for this year's election. The building of ballots will begin next week.

CJ worked with Sandy Ford from E-911 and Loi Forer, former director of E-911. CJ spent the day getting familiar with the system so he could assist Sandy Ford now that Loi Forer has resigned. One of the cables ran by Indigital for the camera monitoring system in dispatch has broken. A new cable was ordered, and is now ready to be installed. While looking over the budget to find cuts for this year's budget CJ found some discrepancies with the WIH billings and is currently working on that problem. Dave Arnold noted that CJ and Dusty are doing a very nice job running the I.T. department.

**HIGHWAY**

Steve Easley with the CCHD appeared with a request for FMLA for one of his workers. The request is for six weeks. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request with Physician certificate, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report:

Prisoner Bookings	169
Miles Transporting Prisoners	1,263
Meals Served to Prisoners	16,745
Officer Patrol Miles	39,819
Traffic Warnings Issued	0
Traffic Arrests/Citations	11
DWI Arrests	7
Criminal Arrests	6
Accident Investigations	65
Property Damage	57
Personal Injury	8
Fatalities	0
Reserve Officer Hours	197
Civil Process Mileage	2,602
Civil Process Papers Served	949

Sheriff Isaacs presented a request for FMLA for one of his corrections officers and request for this employee to draw from the sick bank. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the FMLA, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors informed the Sheriff that the request for days from the sick bank would have to be approved by the Sick Bank Board. The Sick Bank Board is scheduled to meet on Friday at 10:00 a.m. This issue would be addressed at that time.

Sheriff Isaacs request the Commissioner's approval to replace one full time C.O. at the starting wage. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The request for a part-time cook and part-time secretary was also addressed. Jim Sailors made a motion that these positions be filled at the current hourly rate, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place that perhaps C.O. officers in the future would be obligated to sign a contract, to help eliminate the turnover in this position. Sheriff Isaacs will explore this option further and report back to the Commissioners.

**LEDF**

Skip Kuker appeared before the Commissioners with the Economic Development Partnership Agreement Cass County, Indiana, and Logansport-Cass County Economic Development Foundation. Skip Kuker pointed out some changes in the agreement from previous years. The LEDF building has space available to organizations that may need to meet or need a temporary environment in which to operate. This space is available at no charge. Gene Powlen made a motion that a positive recommendation be given to the Cass County Council to approve this Ordinance 2010-1, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PLANNING**

Stan Williams appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the open position for Zoning Administrator. Ryan Shaffer held that position and has submitted his resignation effective the end of February. Jim Sailors made a motion that no action be taken at this time to fill that position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan informed the Commissioners that there will be a grant agreement coming from the State of Indiana and suggested that to save time the Commissioners approve the signing of the agreement in a public meeting. Jim Sailors made a motion to give the signing of the agreement a positive recommendation, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Town of Walton will continue with the sidewalk improvement with Cass County Safe Routes to School Project. This grant is reimbursable so money spent is reimbursed by the State. The Commissioners have been asked to approve the supplement to the original grant. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

Township trustee John Carson appeared before the Commissioners to explain his reason for disallowing a claim for Constance Wöllenhaupt. John Hillis county attorney, swore Mr. Carson in before his testimony. Constance Wöllenhaupt of 1638 E. Co.Rd. 75 N., Logansport was present and was sworn in by county attorney John Hillis. Ms. Wöllenhaupt explained her situation to the Commissioners. After all of the facts were presented and the Commissioners asked questions of Ms. Wöllenhaupt, the Cass County Commissioners made their decision. Jim Sailors made a motion to uphold Mr. Carson's denial of the claim, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CHASE ROAD**

The Interlocal Agreement Between Cass County, Indiana and The City Of Logansport Concerning The Reconstructure Of Chase Road. The Logansport City Council addressed this issue at their February 1st meeting and will be approved at their March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Commissioners reviewed and agreed with the content of the agreement. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the agreement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

Adiana Rogers with Pre- Paid Legal Services, Inc. appeared and addressed the Commissioners about identity theft. Her company wanted to meet with employees to address the need for identity protection. Gene Powlen made a motion to take this proposal under advisement, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors will contact Adiana Rogers as to the Commissioners decision by the end of the week.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Henry Schrader appeared in regards to the petition presented at last month's Commissioners meeting. The petition if approved would allow off road vehicles to travel between farms on the roads. The Commissioners are still looking into this and have not made a decision yet. Tom Anspach appeared with an update on the Panhandle Pathway. This path follows the old Pennsylvania Railroad bed on a line southward across the Tippecanoe River and Mill Creek, through Star City, Thomhope and Royal Center on to Kenneth which is located west of Logansport. To date there are 21 paved miles of trail. The path can be used for non motorized vehicles. No horses are allowed on the trail.

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