

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 5, 2010

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

AMEND AGENDA

Gene Powlen made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the bids for the Highway to be opened. This item will be placed between number 7 and 8 in the current agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his report. The issue with the pavement on Logansport Road is being addressed. A third party will audit the road and a meeting will be held on April 15th. Dave Arnold made comments about temporary signs for 600 West, maintenance of the gravel roads, chip and seal to be addressed at the next meeting. "Total Pitcher's" are being used with a crew doing North/South roads and a crew doing East/West roads. They are doing one township at a time. Mr. Sailors made a comment about road 300 E.

The LTAP visited the CCHD with a free copy of fleet management software developed by a Purdue grad student. The software is excel-based and intended to capture costs, extrapolate same over extended periods of time and provide detailed data to help guide highway departments in making decisions when to replace equipment assets. Carroll and Fulton County are also working with this software.

Jeff Smith updated the Commissioners about 300 S. He will address the stop signs at 600 W. and 400 S. Bidges #13 and #23 are now complete. Jeff thanked the Commissioners for the privilege to attend the Road School.

Steve Easley requested permission to hire part-time help at the CCHD. He has \$18,000 in his part-time help budget. Drivers with a CDL license will receive \$11.45 per hour and non CDL will receive \$8.35 per hour. Jim Sailors made a motion to hire part-time help, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to proceed with the culvert work on Cliff Drive, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a

motion for the CCHD to partner with INDOT for the purchase of road salt, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Attorney John Hillis opened the only bid submitted for more or less or AE grades of bituminous materials Less of AE grades of bituminous materials. The lone bid was from Asphalt Materials, INC., 2820 East Durbin Street, Warsaw, IN 46580. Jim Sailors made a motion to take the bid under advisement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared to present the Grant application for the Work Release Center to the Commissioners for signatures. County attorney John Hillis had reviewed the grant application and approved it for signatures. Dave had already been before the County Council and Personnel Committee in regards to establishing a part-time position for case manager at the hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dave also asked permission to hire a part-time case manager. Gene Powlen made the motion to approve the hiring of a part-time case manager, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave also requested permission to hire two additional part-time correction officers. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request to hire two additional part-time correction officers, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROBATION

Terry Haney appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire a part-time secretary. His part-time secretary will be leaving on a maternity leave and his full time secretary is dealing with an illness in her immediate family. This person would work 6-15 hours per week at the approved part-time pay of \$8.40 per hour. Terry is trying to find a person within the government building that is already a part-time person. Jim Sailors made a motion to give this a positive recommendation to the Council, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim Deputy Prosecutor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to bring back their summer interns. Amy Hyndman this will be her final year, Lacy Berkshire will return for her third year and Andrew Achey who will only be working two to three days per week. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the intern positions, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners to request that Jeff Schnepf's service weapon be declared surplus property. Jeff is retiring at the end of April and he will be presented his weapon upon retirement. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan McDonald, the director of E-911 appeared before the Commissioners in regards to a full time position that was frozen. Dan requested that the position be unfrozen. Dan informed the Commissioners that it takes nine weeks of training before a person can perform the required duties alone. The Commissioners inquired as to why part-time personnel were not employed. Part of the reason is the length of training and the infrequency of a part-time work schedule. Gene Powlen made a motion that a recommendation to the Council be made to unfreeze the position, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EEL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles Knepper appeared before the Commissioners. Attorney John Hillis placed Mr. Knepper under oath. Mr. Knepper denied the case because Mr. Edmondson and Ms. Shackelford received too much income. Mr. Edmondson was placed under oath by attorney John Hillis and asked to give his address. Mr. Edmondson gave his address of 114 1/2 9th Street, Logansport, IN. The Commissioners asked for additional information from Mr. Edmondson. Jim Sailors made a motion to uphold Mr. Knepper's denial of Mr. Edmondson and Ms. Shackelford's request for assistance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Henry Schrader appeared in regards to his petition for off road vehicles. The Commissioners responded by reporting they were in the process of drafting something to cover the petition. There were no other comments. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor

