

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 3, 2010

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. 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 the Prosecutor's office to appear, between item 5 and 6, 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

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners to present the CCHD monthly report. The county roads have been inspected and evaluated for repairs. 101.7 miles of road have been identified that will need some type of repair. This falls well beyond the budget. The CCHD will have to review and prioritize the work that needs to be done. An agreement with INDOT provides \$35,200 for damages to CR 400 S. resulting from the SR 25 south detour last year. The amount was short of what was requested.

Discussions with WIH and ERS (Emergency Radio Service) regarding interest in adding AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locators) to the CCHD trucks has taken place. ERS has advised that the radios on the trucks will not work. The CCHD will try to retain a grant for the purpose of updating the equipment. Alvin Beckman with EMA will assist.

Construction continues in the Clymer's area relative to the Hoosier Heartland and more contracts are to be let in May. In a conference call with all parties involved it was confirmed that the CR 325 West Bridge, although being let this month, cannot begin construction until our CR 300 South project and the intersection at CR275 West/CR 300 South is completed. This will maintain the traffic into the Andersons via Cr 325 West.

E & B representatives, Jeff Smith, and Troyer Group walked the entire length of Logansport Road, identifying a total of two hundred thirty (230) areas of pavement that need attention. Twenty (20) of those areas need milling and total replacement. Each lane was inspected separately, so the two hundred thirty areas cover approximately seven linear miles and fourteen lane miles. Discussions are continuing between E&B representatives and county officials concerning the terms of the proposed repairs.

Engineering is under way on the EE-001 culvert replacement on Cliff Dive. The field survey is complete and geo-technical evaluation is nearly finished. The current schedule calls for this project to be ready for bid in July, 2010.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the price list as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This list is on file in the Auditor's office.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners to inform them that the attorney their office wished to hire full time did not pass the bar exam. This individual will continue to work with the Prosecutors office at the lower pay scale. An appeal has begun on the exam results. If the appeal doesn't allow for the passing, then he or she will retake the exam in the fall.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bennett appeared before the commissioners with her monthly report for the Health Department. Stephanie Frank, Health Department Administrator, has been working with the Indiana State Department of Health District 4 Preparedness team to work on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Point of Dispensing (POD) mass medications and vaccinations. This will ensure that the Health Dept. will score better than previous years on the Local Technical Assistance Review (LTAR) which will in turn help to obtain the \$10,000 base grant funds for the 2011 distribution year.

Cory Wolford of the Environmental Health -Food Protection division of the Health Dept. is working on improvements to the Retail Food Establishment and /Or Bed and Breakfast Establishment Ordinance number 2004-01. Discrepancies were discovered in comparison to both Indiana Administrative Code and Indiana Code. Robert MLaughlin of the Wastewater Section has been busy processing soil reports and conducting on site surveys of proposed septic areas. Robert attended a public hearing at the Indiana State Department of Health in April to comment on the revision of the septic rule. Revisions of all of the septic forms and applications for the changes will be made in the Wastewater Ordinance 2009-03 as well as our recent address change.

Jason Geisler of the Environmental Department reported numerous complaints. There were 13 formal complaints along with numerous phone calls. Most were complaints of open burning and septic issues and unsanitary conditions. There have been three new cases referred to the Health Dept. Attorney concerning lead base paint hazards, methamphetamine production inside of a dwelling and a rat infestation.

Susie Bennett, Suzy Leicht and Stormy Fisel all nurses for the Health Dept., conduct vaccine clinics and have vaccinated 260 patients with 790 vaccines during the month of April. A new law requires that all students entering 6th through 12th grades must have a dose of Tdap(tetanus), a dose of MCV-4(meningitis) and 2 doses of varicella(chickenpox) if they have not had disease. Several days this summer have been set aside to vaccinate this age group. Nurse Leicht has 28 patients with latent TB (noninfectious), which requires monthly refills of medicine and follow up for each patient. Nurse Bennett and Fisel currently have 20 communicable disease cases at the present time which require case investigations to be completed after physician and patient information is compiled.

Tomeka Yike is in charge of Vital Records, with the schools conducting their annual kindergarten round -up and parents needing certified birth certificates to show proof of age. Tomeka has been working with the Indiana State Department of Health with Electronic Death Registration System (IDRS). The ISDH has been working to implement the IDRS which allows Funeral Directors, Coroners and Medical Certifiers to complete death certificates electronically. After January 1, 2011 all death records in the state of Indiana must be submitted using IDRS and Vital Records will be sending out letters to all Funeral Directors, Coroners and hospitals in Cass county to help get them started using IDRS.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of Officer Jeff Schnepf. The Commissioners decided to table this issue. They will see what the Council recommends at its May 21st meeting.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Sandy Heckard appeared before the Commissioners to inform them that the France Park Board was looking into construction of a new building. This had been discussed by the Park Board before the letter from the Council was received advising additional cuts to Park budget.

EMA

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners with a Sub-Grant agreement to be signed by the Commissioners. Jim Sailors made a motion to sign the agreement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Alvin told the Commissioners he would be more than happy to help the CCHD find a grant that would help with the cost for the new radio equipment.

PUBLIC HEARING MEMORIAL HOME

Dave Arnold called the public hearing to order at 1:25 p.m. Brent Mather from Brenner Design presented plans for the development of the Memorial Home. Dave Arnold opened the floor for public comments. Vaneen Ide 322 S. Hillcrest Drive, Logansport, IN questioned how the new design for the 7th street parking would impact Trinity Episcopal Church. Brent Mather did not think it would have an impact on Sunday parking for either Trinity or Calvary Presbyterian. Cathy Miller 114 Center Drive, Royal Center, IN addressed the Commissioners and spoke favorably of the Memorial Home project. Jim Sailor made a motion to move forward with the plan, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Gary Pherson, 5266 WCR 100 N., Logansport, IN. is requesting that the Commissioners look into paving the road where he resides. The chip and seal that is on the road seems to be prone to icing. There were no other public 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