

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 7, 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

The Cass County Commissioners amended the agenda to add Dan McDonald E-911 between item number 3 and 4. Also added to the agenda was the closing of the courthouse between item 8 and 9. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the amendments, Jim Sailor 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.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners in regards to an employee request for FMLA. The paper work has been filed in the Auditor's

The motion carried unanimously.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Cass County Commissioners will implement direct deposit for all employees' payroll checks beginning with the first pay in July of 2010. Gene Powlen made a motion to proceed with direct deposit of employee payroll checks, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr Bennett appeared before the Commissioners for their monthly report. The Health Department has held meetings with the Hospital and Funeral Homes along with the Coroner so the implementation of the new Indiana Death Registry system can begin. A vaccination clinic at the Logansport High School has taken place for student in grades 9-12. The Fee Ordinance has been amended and new fees will take effect July 1st. Approval to hire a summer intern for Vector Control/Mosquito Abatement has taken place. This work will begin the second week in June.

There has been an increase in Temporary Food Establishments permits, which correlates with the summer activities. There have been eleven soil reports and on site surveys conducted for proposed septic areas. Nine septic permits have been issued and two final septic inspections have been completed. There have been two septic failures.

Public pool inspections have been done and are ready to operate. There were 10 formal complaints along with numerous phone calls in regards to open dumping/burning, septic issues and unsanitary conditions. One new case has been referred to the Health Dept. attorney involving lead based paint hazards.

The nursing division vaccinated 199 patients with 625 shots. The nurses remain busy with routine duties and follow ups on TB and communicable diseases. There were two high leads for the month of May which must be followed up according to Indiana State guidelines.

PROSECUTOR

Kevin Enyeart appeared before the Commissioners to explain the personnel moves in his office. Kelly Gaumer has filled the misdemeanor position that has been vacant. Prosecutor Enyeart is requesting permission to fill the vacant position that Ms. Gaumer held in Title MD. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY

Phil Loos appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of Dave Patty. Security is requesting permission for another part time person to fill the vacancy due to the retirement of Wes

Parameter. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the part-time position, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING

Ain Shaver appeared before the Commissioners in regards to one lot sub-division in Jefferson Township. The Commissioners are required to dedicate the 25 feet of right of way. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the dedication, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Before Steve began he commended three of his employees at the CCHD, Pat Brown, Chuck Sterrett and John Nkataras for their hard work after the storm. Cass County will have a five year maintenance agreement with E & B Paving to maintain the surface of Cr 700 East and CR400 South less allowances for normal wear and tear.

The 2010 Road Improvement Plan is in full swing. Based on available funds the plan is to “pug” approximately 3.2 miles and “chip/seal” an estimated 29 miles in various locations throughout the County. The CCHD has also targeted an additional 71.7 miles that our work crews will try to improve with the “Total Patcher.”

The contract for fuel prices for all County agencies will be presented to the Commissioners for their approval and vote today.

Jeff Smith gave a brief update on the current projects now in full swing, INDOT opened bids for the CR 300 S project. There were seven bids with the low bid coming from Gradex of Indianapolis. The bid was \$1,598,971 for construction only. Construction could begin as soon as July 2010. This will result in a road closure to most traffic on CR 300 S between CR 275 W and the railroad crossing at the Anderson’s Ethanol plant.

Resurfacing of CR 200 E is underway between CR 400 S and SR218. Repairs to Logansport Road are underway. Asphalt patches were completed on May 28th and sand sealing is expected to take place when work is completed on CR 200 E. Engineering work continues on culvert EE-001, located on Cliff Dive west of Coott Street.

Application for federal funds targeted for road improvements on High Street Road between Longtree Lane and CR 600 E has been submitted to INDOT. Pending funding availability, this project would begin no sooner than 2012.

The contract for the inspection of 300 S. was presented. R W Armstrong will be doing the inspecting. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The contract with North Central Co-Op was presented for fuel. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The contract for E & B Paving was presented, Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Gene Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to replace two full time positions and one part-time position created by vacancies. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the positions, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DISTRICT

Tom Knepper and Kyle Anderson appeared to present the plan for the fire districts. The townships involved are Clay, Eel, Miami and Noble. The plan and budget have been sent to the DLGF and the district is awaiting a reply. This plan would continue fire support for the townships of Clay, Eel, Miami and Noble. Fire station #1 would be manned 24/7, beginning in 2011. No action was taken until the response from the DLGF is received.

VACATE ALLEY

No one appeared.

REGION IV WORKFORCE

Roger Feldhaus appeared and presented the Commissioners with copies of the Region IV Board Report. The board consists of Larry West; Miami County, Arden Gramer; Cass County and John Hipskind Cass County. Deborah Sheets is the team leader for WorkOne in Logansport. Deborah introduced Beverly Maloy. Beverly is a successful client of the WorkOne program here in Logansport. Beverly was a misplaced worker due to a plant closing in Logansport. With the help and support given by WorkOne she was able to acquire additional education and begin a new career as a physical therapist assistant.

COURTHOUSE

Cindy Howard made the presentation for the Commissioners for the Cass County Courthouse to be closed July 30, 2010 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for employee appreciation day. Lunch will be provided along with

other activities. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the closure, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENT

The Cass County Commissioners are passing on a positive recommendation to the Cass County Council for the creation of a part-time imaging position. This person would be imaging the Prosecutors files. Jim Sailors made a motion to present a positive recommendation to the Council, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

There were many people present for public comments. A group of concerned senior citizens were present to express their concern for the plight of the Area Transit Director, Sue Hoehler. Six citizens spoke on Sue's behalf. Sue Hoehler addressed the Commissioners and attested to the importance to this county to continue to support the Senior Citizens and the Area V Transit system.

Additional citizens were present to direct comments and concerns to the Commissioners in regards to the creation of a Fire District. Four gentlemen addressed the Commissioners and expressed their opinions and concerns for the Fire District. The Commissioners thanked all for showing their concern for their community.

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