

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 4, 2016

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Sailors welcomed Mayor Dave Kitchell to the meeting.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to retain the current slate of officers:

President Jim Sailors

Vice President Ralph Anderson

Member Jeff LeDonne

Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. Year – end stats have been compiled for the Highway Department. Many more hours were spent on patching and road surfacing this year than in the past. All of the hours were spent to maintain pavement and rights of way, including snow plowing but not including sign work. 64 percent of hours were spent on patching and resurfacing. This compares to 48 percent in 2015 and 41 percent in 2013. 18 percent of the 2015 hours were spent on snow operations. That left just 18 percent of the hours available for culvert and ditch work, brush cutting, mowing and gravel road maintenance.

In the month of December two days were used for brush cleanup from the December 28th ice and wind storm, but there was no deployment of snow and ice equipment on the pavement. Jeff requested permission to declare the following vehicles as surplus:

1999 International 2654, with 205,056 miles

1997 Chevrolet 3500 with dump bed, 107,160 miles

Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare the vehicles as surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff also requested approval to change the stop sign to a yield sign for the right turn lane of CR 325 W at its intersection with 300 S. The existing stop sign for traffic turning left will remain, thus the existing ordinance can remain in place. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to change the stop sign to a yield sign for the right turn lane on CR 325 W at its intersection with 300 S, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Parks year end results. The park brought in an estimated \$332,141.32 making a difference of \$87,809.79 above 2014 revenues.

Gate Fees/Season Passes	\$80,169.58
Short Term Camping	\$112,831.68
Long Term Camping	\$69,947.45
Zip Line	\$13,441.00
Firewood	\$10,949.00

Dana informed the Commissioners that the park staff continues to remove ash trees from the campsites and throughout the park.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. For the month of December a total of eleven vaccination clinics were held, including one children's flu clinic. In December, 220 patients were seen with a total of 510 vaccines given. 70 birth certificates, 25 free birth certificates, 150 death certificates, 6 genealogy searches, 2 paternity affidavits were issued. Mike Collins has issued 141 food permits and performed 17 routine inspections, along with 5 follow up visits and 1 complaint.

In December Serenity worked with area schools and the Epi4schools program to place Epi pens in schools. This program funds Epi pens in schools at no cost to the schools. These pens are used in a lifesaving emergency and can be used for students, teachers, or visitors on school grounds.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy is currently working with the Clymers, Twelve Mile and Cass County Fire District #1 in securing grants for equipment. Christy has also met with Col. Schwartz and the Secretary of Defense in regards to Grissom AFB and the area around it. Christy is also assisting Conner Sawmill with a new building.

APPOINTMENTS

Ralph Anderson made a motion to re-appoint Ed Schroder to the E-911 Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson wished everyone a Happy New Year. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor