

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 6, 2016

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

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.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. The Park is hosting a State Disc Golf Tournament on June 19th. Ten tournaments take place throughout the season in the State of Indiana at ten different locations. France Park will be hosting two of the ten tournaments this year. Our course is rated #5 of the 10 courses in the State.

Memorial Day was very successful. The revenue was more than the previous year at the park.

CCED

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with her monthly report. The OCRA Site Certification reception had good attendance. Christy has had meetings with Heartland Truck Stop and Wash and discussed a new wastewater system. The Grissom Overlay and Wind Ordinances with Planning Director Arin Shaver have been completed.

Christy continues to be busy with visits out in the county. She is currently working with Cal-Comp and their employees with their benefits due to the layoffs at that facility.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly Highway report. Work continues on finalizing the normal road program for this year, while also compiling a list of projects for submission to INDOT for the 50/50 grant program being called "Community Crossings". The existing budget will support about 80 miles of chip seal, 2.6 miles of hot mix asphalt and around 3 miles of pug mix. We also have a CEDIT – funded project to resurface CR 1100E from US 24 to CR 300N. This will service truck traffic to and from Orion Safety.

We have so far compiled close to a million dollars' worth of resurfacing and preservation projects to submit for the 50/50 program, with more being added daily. The call for projects for the 50/50 runs through July 15, with a cap of one million dollars per fiscal year. We are working to finalize our road and bridge asset management plans to submit to INDOT, which is a requirement to apply for the 50/50.

A funding application in the amount of 2.8 million dollars has been submitted to INDOT for phase 4 of the 400 South project. We've seen a sharp uptick in the number of requirements to apply for federal funding, including utility coordination and ADA/Title 6 requirements. We estimate that at least 150 hours of time spent by all the parties involved just submitting the application. Jeff expressed his thanks to Jeremy Hall for his assistance with the ADA.

Road crews have been preparing for the road program by grinding, berming and patching. Additionally, culvert crews have been busy with several small culvert projects and we've had our mowers out since the middle of May. Dust control is expected to be applied this week.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to advertise two positions to be filled. One is a full time Director of Program and a Case Manager position. Dave has secured a grant for \$130,000.00 that will fund the Director of Program position along with funding the therapeutic programs. These funds will cover all expenses, social security, PERF and insurance. The Case Manager position currently exists and is already funded.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the position of Director of Program as long as the grant monies were available, should the monies cease to be, the position would be terminated, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR MECHANICAL CONTROLS

The following bids were received for Mechanical Controls and opened by Attorney Jeff Stanton:

Technical Controls Solutions 6015 Highview Dr. Suite A Ft. Wayne, IN 46818	\$306,421.00
Havel 3210 Sugar Maple Court South Bend, IN 46628	\$343,668.00
Building Temperature Solutions, LLC 4023 Transportation Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46818	\$236,876.00
Johnson Controls Inc. 1255 N. Senate Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46202	\$421,676.00

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING – CASS AREA TRANSIT

Bill Calhoun, Executive Director of Council on Aging, appeared before the Commissioners. Bill presented the grant application for the Commissioners and County Attorney to review. This grant application is for the transit funding for Cass County. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the application for the grant, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WALTON 5K RUN

Jim Sailors presented the information concerning the 5K run for the town of Walton. The road closure will be for 700E between US35 and 900S. The date of the closure will be July 4th from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the road closure on July 4th for 700E between US35 and 900S, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson announced the dates for "Big City" June 17th and 18th and June 24th and 25th at 7:30 p.m. tickets are \$15.00 per seat at McHale Auditorium.

Steve Carroll, who resides at 8036S CR 500E, appeared before the Commissioners. Steve is the Deer Creek Township Trustee. Steve requested that the Commissioners consider adding some

properties to their liability policy. The Commissioners will review the properties and make a decision at a later date.

There were no further public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor