

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 5, 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. Commissioner Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA

Ralph Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda to include as item number 9 the Sheriff and item number 10 Maintenance, Jeff LeDonne 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.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and presented her monthly report. Tax abatement compliance for all industries were presented to the Cass County Council for approval. A utilization plan for surplus property with INDOT was discussed per the Redevelopment Commission. Christy has been working with Region 4 for in securing America's Promise Workforce Grant, which would supply up to 6 million dollars in training money for Region 4. Christy and Lt. Governor Holcomb toured Grissom Reserve base and conducted discussion about keeping the base alive and thriving.

Christy continues to visit county companies and industry, this month Carter Fuel and Cal-Comp were visited along with numerous meetings.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The Commissioners approved an employment agreement with Christy Householder beginning in January 2017 through January 2022. The agreement also gives the Commissioners the right to extend the agreement an additional three years by written notice. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department report. Highway crews continue to keep busy with preparation for summer road work. The work being done now includes berming, patching and grinding. Two pipe crews have been working to complete work order projects as well as pipe replacements on roads planned for resurfacing or grinding.

A presentation to INDOT was given last week for our 2.8 million dollar funding application for CR 400 South phase 4. The presentation went well and we now await word on INDOT's decision on awarding funds. Jeff expressed thanks to Jim Sailors and Christy Householder for attending the presentation to INDOT. The deadline for submitting projects to the 50/50 Community Crossings grant program has been extended to July 29th. Decisions on awarding of these grants are expected around mid-August.

The first bid advertisement for the CR 600E/175S access project will go out next week. We are on a schedule for bid opening August 1st and award the bids on August 15th.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Park Department report. The Park received its annual inspection report from the Indiana State Department of Health. The inspection was completed by Kenneth Kavanagh. Mr. Kavanagh seemed pleased with the Park and its completion of correcting previous violations and the work that is in progress.

June 2016 was a busy month and we exceeded June 2015 revenues by an estimated amount of \$26,000.00. This did not include the revenue received from the concession stand and camp store. The Park has been full every weekend.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department report. For the month of June 14 routine vaccination clinics were held and 215 patients were seen for a total of 524 vaccines given.

For the month of June the Vital Records department printed 142 certified birth certificates and 35 free certified birth certificates. There were 155 certified death certificates, 5 genealogy searches and 2 paternity affidavits were completed.

Mike Collins and Dan Musselman were called out to 9 environmental issues. Mike assisted with 2 follow up Meth cases, 2 pool inspections, 38 routine restaurant inspections and 2 pre-operational inspections. There were 31 restaurant permits issued and 1 tattoo permit. Mike also completed 4 lead inspections. Dan continues to prepare a vector (mosquito) control program and vector control grant for Cass County. This grant will assist the Health Department purchase the equipment necessary for vector control.

Amy completed training to become a certified car seat technician. We are currently working on a grant to assist with the purchasing of car and booster seats to have on hand for future car seat clinics. The sleep safe class is scheduled bi-monthly at the Logansport Public Library. All of the classes have been full and the next class scheduled is also full.

Serenity attended the Certified Professional Food Manager course and received a certificate. Serenity also attended the car seat training class in Indianapolis to become a National Car Seat certified technician.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Jill Rife appeared before the Commissioners for Sheriff Randy Pryor with a request to replace a full time deputy. Deputy Branson Eber will work his last day on July 8th. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the request to fill the vacated full time deputy position, Jeff LeDonne seconde. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT


Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a part-time maintenance position. Richard received notification that his part-time person was leaving. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the filling of the part-time position in the Maintenance Department, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Steve Carroll, Deer Creek township trustee, appeared in regards to his inquiry of the County carrying liability insurance on Deer Creek township properties. Jim Sailors response was it could not be done unless the County owed the properties. If the properties were leased to the County, it could cover them with liability insurance. Steve will have the lease drawn for the Commissioners to review.

Ralph Anderson acknowledged the performance of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra at McHale over the 4th of July week end. Also the Cass County Historical Society will have a "Roaring 20's" fund raiser on July 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the ticket cost is \$35.00.

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