

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AUGUST 1, 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 was not on for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **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 & payroll as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly Highway report. The chip seal phase of the summer road program kicked off on August 1<sup>st</sup>, with approximately 90 miles of chip seal on the list for our regular program. The Highway Department submitted to Community Crossings Chip seal and paving projects totaling around 1.8 million dollars last week, we anticipate learning what awards are granted sometime this month.

Highway pipe crews have kept busy this summer, recently changing out structures on 600E, 500S, 1350S, 110S, and 50S in Jefferson Township. Additional work is expected to begin by mid-August on a box culvert rehabilitation on CR 900W near 250N.

Longtime employee Ron Reeser retired on July 29<sup>th</sup> after 41 years of service with the County. The Highway Department will miss Ron's vast experience and knowledge.

Jeff Smith requested permission to move his current part-time worker into the vacated full time position and hire a new part-time person. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the part-time person to move into the full time position left by the retirement and hire a new part-time employee, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly report of the Park. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday went very well with full camper capacity. The Indiana Trail Riding Association and several different Saddle Clubs

are interested in using the Park for horseback riding. The prospect of this is being considered.

#### CCED

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy continues to visit Cass County industry and companies. She recently attended the Howard Swine Farms, LLC open house. Christy attended several meetings to assess what skills are needed in the Region 4 area for the America's Promise Grant. It is looking promising for some of the industry expansions to move forward.

#### DOG ORDINANCE

Ralph Anderson made a motion to table the Dog Ordinance at this time, the ordinance needs some additional work before it will be ready to be presented Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CREDIT CARD ORDINANCE

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the Credit Card Ordinance as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. All county credit cards will be held in the Auditors office and logged in and out. This becomes ordinance 2016-05.

#### ADULT PROBATION

Terry Haney appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to fill a vacated full time probation officer position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the filling of the vacated full time probation position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### HIGHWAY BIDS

The following bids were received for the access project on CR 600E for the new Engineering Aggregates sand and gravel operation. This is a CREDIT funded project.

	Base Bid
<b>Central Paving</b>	<b>\$68,536.81</b>
P.O. Box 357 Logansport, IN 46947	
<b>Deichman Excavating Co., INC.</b>	<b>\$73,500.00</b>
P.O. Box 12 Logansport, IN 46947	

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**


Tom Farrer, who resides at 2596 W. CR 600 N., Lucerne, appeared before the Commissioners and informed them of an unsafe living condition in the town of Lucerne. The Commissioners will look into the matter.

Tom also publicly thanked the Highway Department for the repaving that was done to the roads last year after the harsh winter.

Sheriff Randy Pryor requested permission to close a road for 30 to 45 minutes for a wedding at 400 E 1000 S. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the closure as long as there was signage or law enforcement present for the closure, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Don Fawcett, from Deacon appeared before the Commissioners with concerns about the Dog Ordinance. His concern was for individuals with hunting dogs and working dogs versus pets.

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