

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS December 18, 2017

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES - Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented the monthly Maintenance Report. Contracts for upgrade work to the security elevators in the Government Building have been awarded and work will begin in 2018.

Jail security controls software update is finished and masonry work for additional slider door is completed. Work Release new HAV unit was installed and is operational. Memorial Home installed surplus air rotation unit in the basement as temporary heat.

Richard requested permission to fill vacant part time maintenance position, starting January 2018. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to fill vacant part time position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Technology report. Fiber cable services were discontinued with Comcast Virtual Connections and transferred to newly formed Metronet Fiber Connections. New copy machines were delivered from Ricoh and are currently being installed into offices. Software upgrades are being installed to the county's data system. This will allow server upgrades to the Microsoft Windows Server 2016 platform. New sound systems were installed in each court, allowing IT Department to control and make adjustments without interrupting court proceedings. Routers, switches and firewalls have been upgraded, providing more than 10 times the speed of communication between buildings.

Cj requested the following items to be deemed surplus:

- 1- HP Compaq 8200 Elite
- 1 – Hassler M4000 Paper Folder
- 2 – Western Digital MyCloud NAS units

Ralph Anderson made a motion to deem items listed as surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with the November monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	167
PRISONERS RELEASED	178
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	3,114
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,756
OFFICER PATROL MILES	28,890
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	293
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	176
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	2
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	32

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	77
PROPERTY DAMAGE	70
PERSONAL INJURY	7
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	N/A
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,302
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	454

Sheriff Pryor thanked Commissioner Sailors and Assistant Jail Commander Mike Anderson for attending a site visitation at the new jail facility in Adams County.

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to fill two vacant full time Correctional Officer positions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to fill the two vacant full time positions, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Jim Sailors recommended Jim Donato, Claude Bailey, and Mike Kinsey to be reappointed to the Cass County Building Corporation. Ralph Anderson made a motion to reappoint Jim Donato, Claude Bailey, and Mike Kinsey to serve on the Cass County Building Corporation, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 2017-13 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY – Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-13 Conflict of Interest Policy, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 2017-14 AMEND COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES – Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-14 Amend County Credit Card Policy and Procedures, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Commissioners awarded a Certificate of Excellence to Pioneer High School Football Team for achieving a winning season 15-0 and winning the Class A-1 State Championship game. Pioneer Football Director, Adam Berry, accepted the certificate on behalf of the Pioneer Panther’s State Champion Team.

Jim Sailors informed those attending that public comments would be limited to 2 minutes and asked to state their name and address before making comments. Comments are to be of points of interest that have not been addressed by a previous speaker. There will be no discussion or questions answered during public comment. There are forms available to submit questions to appropriate departments as time and personnel permit on any issues during public comment. The forms are available on the front table.

Dave Redwick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, presented petition containing 1,308 signatures of residences and landowners of Cass County. Petition request amending setback limits to 2,640 feet from the property line.

Linda Franklin, 2211 W 400 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of conflict of interests related to commissioners that have family members or in-laws that have signed leases should remove themselves from voting on this issue.

Elizabeth Thomas, 6528 N 900 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of the number and height size of turbines in relation to the setback from property lines.

Ashly Berry, 5227 N State Road 25, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of shadow flicker and sound produced from wind turbines.

Mark Babb, 8940 N PR 940 E, Twelve Mile – in favor of the proposed wind farm, because of the setbacks most farms will not be eligible for the wind turbine project.

Tia Justice, 806 E Market, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns for public safety in the advent of a potential tornado. Cass County is prone to tornadoes.

Jodie Miller, 6372 W 400 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of shadow flicker.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, wind is not a viable energy source. There are other natural sources more reliable.

Allen Hanna, 4937 N 200 W, Logansport – undecided about the wind farm, concerned for the wellbeing of residents of Cass County. This project is making a division among neighbors those that oppose and those that are for the project. Suggest informational meetings for residents.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for land rights of owners with land adjacent to those with wind turbines.

Herd Crimmins, 967 E 900 N, Lucerne – not opposed to the wind farm project, question if a tax abatement was given for the project.

Jerome Shidler, 3089 E 475 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned his lifestyle will be changed, because his property is adjacent to those with wind turbines.

Kyle Reed, 3049 E 500 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned of unsafe zones on landowners property due to setback limits.

Joyce Pasel, 3296 N 400 E, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned the project is within federal guidelines.

Laura Redwick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, presented commissioners with a copy of the land lease agreement, printed data of state ordinance.

Wes Woodhouse - 659 E State Road 16, Lucerne – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned the effect wind turbines will have on GPS and the economic impact for the county.

Zack Dodd, 5193 W 800 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns for wildlife and the effects turbines will have on birds.

Rob Baker, 1808 W 500 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for the installation of turbines on top of natural gas storage.

Brent Thomas, 6528 N 900 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for neighboring towns and how the wind farm will effect property values.

Leslie Murray, 8288 E 450 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for the sound pressure the turbines will emanate. Setback limits should be measured from the home not property line.

Deidra Dodd, 5193 W 800 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for the setbacks limits.

Judy Kellums, 7285 W 1000 S, Lucerne - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of not knowing enough about wind company.

Tom Rusk, 4127 N Royal Center Pike, Royal Center – not for or against the wind farm project, will not sign a lease agreement until he has more information.

Wayne Haselby, 9724 S 675 E, Pulaski County - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned of location is on underground natural gas storage.

Marvin McVey, 600 E 575 N, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm.

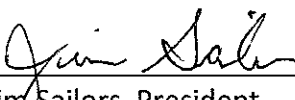
Chris Miller, 6372 W 400 N, Royal Center - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for the fly zone for the A-10 aircraft.

Joel Thomas, 7282 N 950 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned for the vibrations from the wind turbines disturbing water sources and natural gas.

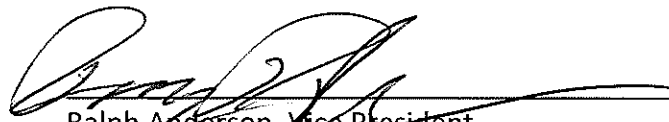
Steve Haselby, 11194 W 1000 S – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerned the commissioners have only one member that lives in the projected wind farm area.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



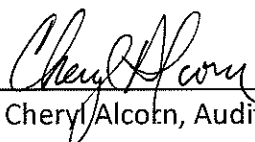
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor