

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 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. Commissioner President Jim Sailors opened the meeting with 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 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 staff continues the removal of dead Ash trees in the camping area. Thirty Ash trees have been cut, split and stacked in the wood bin.

The 40 x 40 pole barn adjacent to the maintenance shop continues to be a work in progress. A cement floor has been laid, interior walls have been sealed with spray foam insulation, a 100 amp panel installed and the walls have been covered with plywood. All that is left is for a metal ceiling to be installed. Winter maintenance on the lawn equipment is being done. The trails are being kept up with the removal of downed limbs and trees.

The Park has received numerous phone calls for camping reservations, especially the Holidays. All the reservation taken so far are from individuals who have never been to France Park.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners and presented her monthly report. In the month of January the nurses held 12 vaccine clinic days and 1 flu shot clinic for kids. 189 patients were seen with 499 vaccines given.

The Environmental department has completed the 2016 food establishment permits, this month 40 food permits have been issued. Mike Collins, a Health Department Environmentalis, assisted in 4 meth cases. Mike has inspected 2 pools and followed up on 2 inspections. The Cass County YMCA pool was closed due to increased Ph levels. The pool has now been reopened.

Dan Musselman attended the ISHD winter training classes in Indianapolis. Dan has been involved with 3 soil samples, completed 4 minimum pecs for OSS

system and permitted 2 OSS systems. Dan did the final inspection for 3 OSS systems. Dan is currently working with the State on 2 commercial sites, Blue Ball Church and Engineering Aggregates for septic systems.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and presented her report for the month of January. Christy has been very busy since the new year began. Christy continues her visits to area businesses. Conner Sawmill, Tierney Industrial Warehouse, Logan Stamping, Inc. and MPI were on Christy's list of visits.

Conner Sawmill received news that according to a land survey there was not a platted alley and they may continue with their building construction. There is a possibility for expansion of 6 industries.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway report. Snow operations for January have been less than typical. Personnel were on the road for snow and ice operations for 6 and half days during January, accruing approximately 180 hours of overtime.

The annual road assessments have begun. Residents may notice marked highway pickup trucks moving slowly or stopped along roadways, as personnel examine the road surface and enter the data into a computer database.

The City of Logansport's 18th Street intersection improvement is getting underway with utility work. A bid was recently opened by INDOT for a deck overlay on the US 24/35 bypass bridge over the Wabash River.

Jeff Smith requested permission to advertise for bids for 3 new dump trucks. These trucks were budgeted in the 2016 budget. They would replace 1999, 2000, and 2001 trucks with mileage ranging from 163,000 to 233,000. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the advertisement of dump truck bids, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith presented a supplemental agreement for the bridge inspection to the Commissioners. This is a new requirement for bridges which fall below certain condition ratings that now require annual inspections. Both of these bridges 114 and 19, on 325 E and 900 W are scheduled for replacement in the next 1 to 2 years. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement for bridge inspections, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to hire an intern for some data entry work and paper shredding. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of an intern for the Prosecutor's office for data entry and paper shredding, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lisa also requested that she be allowed to hire an additional part-time investigator for the Prosecutor's office. This position is limited to 28 hours per week. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional part-time investigator for the Prosecutor's office, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire one part-time Corrections Officer. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of one part-time Corrections Officer, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor also requested permission to hire two full time Corrections Officers. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of two full time Corrections Officers, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES FUND

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners and presented the State approved budget for the Drug Free Communities Fund. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the funding for the Drug Free Communities Fund, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Phil Loos, head of building security, came before the Commissioners and expressed his concerns for the entrance of the building after the remodeling was complete. The Commissioners are aware of the concerns and they will be addressed as the remodeling draws nearer to completion.

TREASURER

Treasurer Kathy Adair appeared before the Commissioners request permission to hire an additional person for her part-time pool of employees. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request for an additional part-time employee to be added to the part-time pool of employees, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried with a vote of two yeas and one nay vote from Jim Sailors.

E-911

Dan McDonald, E-911 director, appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill one open full time position and one that needed to be filled due to a full time employee moving to part-time and a part-time employee moving to the full time position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the open position and approve the employees moving from full time to part-time and the part-time employee moving to the full time position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID FOR SHERIFF'S VEHICLES

Sheriff Pryor requested that the Commissioners consider the one bid received from Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, located in Franklin, IN. for 3, two wheel drive vehicles. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request to purchase 3, two wheel drive vehicles from Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JAIL BIDS

Commissioner President Jim Sailors announced that the Jail bids have been pushed back to the February 16th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

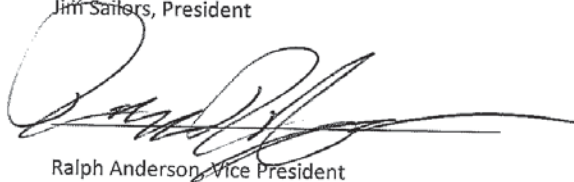
Bill Bauman, who resides at 2431 George Street, Logansport appeared before the Commissioners to praise the Park and the care that it is being given to its upkeep.

A representative from Premerica Financial Services appeared before the Commissioners requesting time with the employees of Cass County. Commissioner President Jim Sailors referred him to the County's H.R. representative, Jeremy Hall.

There were no further public comments. 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

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor