

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2020

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Ryan Browning, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Attorney Jeff Stanton was absent.

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL- Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Cheryl Alcorn explained the purpose of public hearing to re-establish Cumulative Capital Development Fund per state statute; IC 36-9-14.5-1

Tax rate for the fund inadvertently did not print on the budget ordinance. In order to correct the error provisions of the state statute are to be followed including a public hearing and resolution establishing the fund.

Commissioners opened the discussion for public comment. No public comment was received.

Ryan Browning made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 20-04 ESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve Resolution 20-04 Establishing CCD Fund, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. New gutters were installed on Health Department, All Phase, Annex Storage, Staffing Resources, Family Opportunity Center, Employee Clinic, and Ambulance Garage. Roof repairs were made over the offices of Consolidated Union and Family Opportunity Center. Installation of new ceiling and lights will be completed this week at the 911 Center, dispatch area.

Richard attended Jail Expansion Project meetings and continues to work with architect and utilities regarding the new plat of area around jail.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the February report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	168
PRISONERS RELEASED	157
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,134
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	17,281
MEALS TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	1,900
OFFICER PATROL MILES	102,276
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	75
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	56
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	72
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	44
PROPERTY DAMAGE	38
PERSONAL INJURY	6

FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	59
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,242
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	453
SRO CALLS/CASES	8

Sheriff Schroder requested permission to fill three vacant full time correctional officer positions. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill correctional officer positions, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder presented Lexipol Contract for approval, contract provides services to update policy and procedures per state statute. Attorney Jeff Stanton has reviewed and recommended revisions that have been finalized. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Lexipol Contract, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder presented IDEMIA Services Agreement for approval. IDEMIA will serve as prime contractor to provide biometric identification services for county fingerprinting and background checks. Agreement has been reviewed without issue by attorney Jeff Stanton. Ryan Browning has made a motion to approve IDEMIA Service Agreement, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder presented for approval Memorandum of Understanding establishing a daily meal program provided by Sheriff's Department to inmates housed at Community Corrections facility. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve MOU as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder requested the following exercise equipment to be deemed surplus;

- Weider squat rack
- Weider cable weight machine

Ryan Browning made a motion to deem items presented as surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger was unavailable to present February monthly report. IT monthly report was submitted to Commissioners for review.

CLERK – Beth Liming presented for approval Inmate Voting Policy. Policy was created in a joint effort by Clerk, Sheriff, and County Attorney allowing persons who are imprisoned and have not been convicted of a crime the ability to vote and procedure to follow per state statute. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the policy as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth informed Commissioners the state is moving quickly regarding upgrade of election equipment. More information will be available from the state next week.

Beth requested the following items to be deemed surplus:

- 11 x poll books – VR Systems EVID 2.2
- HP Laser jet 9050 printer

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve items presented for surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth gave an update on the replacement of flooring in the third floor clerk's office. Carpet has been installed on the west side of the office with the east side to be completed next week. Beth invited Commissioners to visit the office to see the new flooring.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner request approval to fill vacant part time correctional officer position and permission for a summer intern position. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill correctional officer position and summer intern position, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT – Project change order is still in progress and will be presented for approval in an upcoming meeting.

RES. 20-05 AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN USE MAP – CLYMERS – Arin Shaver presented for approval Resolution 20-05 amending the future land use map to include a small portion of land southeast corner of 400 W and 300 S from agricultural to industrial. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Resolution 20-05 Amend Comprehensive Plan Use Map as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 20-05 AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE – CLYMERS – Arin Shaver presented for approval Ordinance 20-05 to rezone properties to the west of 3440 W 300 S from Agricultural to County Gateway. The properties have the future land use map designation of industrial, which fits with the County Gateway Zoning change request. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-05 Amend Zoning Ordinance as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE RENEWAL – Michael Bowditch, Consolidated Union, five quotes were received with three competitive bids. Consolidated Union recommends Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for the insurance needs of the county.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the insurance policy contract for 2020, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LOGAN'S LANDING – Becki Harris was not available to present update report. Report presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

VISITOR'S BUREAU – Toni Savini appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Visitor's Bureau annual report. 2019 was a great year for the Visitor Bureau. Revenue of \$95,158 received through Innkeeper's Tax. Expenses totaling \$79,200 included marketing grants and advertising. A list of print and radio advertising was presented, along with list of marketing project grants. Bureau will update website in effort to be more user friendly for cell phones.

Jim Sailors appreciated the marketing for France Park. The park attendance has increased over the past year. Ralph Anderson extended his appreciation for the great job Toni has done.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ralph Anderson stated public comments will be limited to three minutes each. A representative with Heritage Environmental Services will address concerns regarding the industrial park development project at the end of public comments.

Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – concerns of environmental issues regarding the industrial development project.

Alvin Mennen, 3188 E CR 500 S, Walton – appreciated the public forum by Lora Redweik and editorial by Ralph Anderson that were published in the local newspaper. Mr. Mennen request the Commissioners to consider the environmental risks involved, are we the least resistant or are we the most wanted by industrial company.

Lita Rouser, 2313 E SR 218, Walton – concerns of IDIEM applications and permits have been obtained for the project and the handling of environmental hazardous emissions produced by the industrial plant. Ms. Rouser distributed research literature to Commissioners.

Dave Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – distributed to Council members copies of CAA Pollutant Report findings on Steel Dust Recycling LLC, Millport, Alabama.

Gary Lewis, lifelong resident of Cass County – if this was a referendum on the November election ballot it would be voted down 50 to 1.

Terry Doran, 3934 Parkmont Drive, Logansport – requested timeline of the project and Commissioners’ consideration of the safety for the residents southwest of town. Mr. Doran asked Commissioners to be more public with information regarding the project.

Mercedes Brugh, 1315 E Market Street, Logansport – commented on recent publications regarding the safety guidelines established by EPA. Similar industries approved by IDEM would not be by EPA standards. Ms. Brugh reminded the Commissioners that they are our final line of defense.

Ali Alavi, Senior Vice-President of regulatory affairs and general counsel for Heritage Environmental Services representing Waelz Sustainable Products. Mr. Alavi stated the clean air act permit application will be submitted in the next week or two. The project will be constructed in two phases consisting of two kilns. First kiln will process approximately 176,000 tons of electrical arc furnace dust, with additional second kiln for a total of 319,000 tons per year. Permit application will include both phases of the project. No storage of hazardous waste at the facility. Mr. Alavi explained the process of receiving materials from steel mills and the products produced from recycling the furnace dust materials.

Mr. Alavi reported ground work has begun at the job site, no construction or equipment has been ordered for the project. Ms. Rouser took issue that the company is in violation of the Clean Air Act by beginning development of the property before receiving an approved permit.

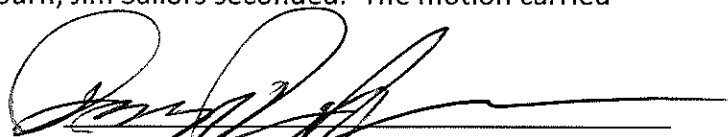
Ralph Anderson addressed the concern of mercury level emissions from the recycle plant. The facility will follow all requirements set by Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This facility will be closely monitored by IDEM, if there is a problem the facility will be shut down. You can have problems with industry or you can have no industry at all.

Mr. Alavi added the air pollution control equipment will be state of the art. Since 2004 the mercury levels in EAF dust has been lowered through regulations put in place by EPA. Information is available through on website; WSPCasscounty.com. Majority of materials will be received from Indiana providers, preferably by rail.

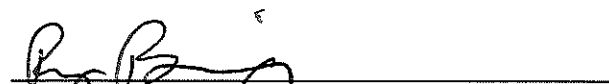
Ms. Rouser stated EAF dust contains mercury, lead, cadmium, magnesium, chromium, nickel, and arsenic per National Health Institute report.

ADJOURNMENT

Ryan Browning made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Ralph Anderson, President


Jim Sailors, Vice President


Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor