

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 18, 2016**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Vaneen Ide. 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.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly maintenance report. Richard continues to work with county attorney Jeff Stanton on issues with Ameresco. Richard attended the D.O.C. inspection of the Jail, which went very well. New shower valves and shower heads were ordered for Work Release. There is a possibility that the water tempering valves and shower valves may be replaced.

The Health Department HVAC unit was serviced. The All Phase Building will have wall pak lights added on the building since the old parking lot lights were removed during the parking lot renovation. Motion sensors were installed at the Novia Clinic. They had been keeping the lights on 24/7 in the offices. The sensors will allow this practice to end.

The re-roofing has begun on the Jail and the HVAC units have arrived and are ready for installation. The HVAC unit at the Ambulance garage has been serviced.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report:

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| PRISONER BOOKINGS            | 145    |
| PRISONERS RELEASED           | 140    |
| MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS | 1,023  |
| MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS    | 15,235 |
| OFFICER PATROL MILES         | 31,846 |
| TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED      | 144    |
| TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS    | 93     |
| DWI/OWI ARRESTS              | 6      |
| CRIMINAL ARRESTS             | 39     |
| ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS      | 29     |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE              | 23     |
| PERSONAL INJURY              | 5      |
| FATALITIES                   | 1      |

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| RESERVE OFFICER HOURS       | Not Available |
| CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE       | 1,454         |
| CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED | 430           |

Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that the Jail population continues to grow and the Jail was at full capacity this last weekend.

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to fill a vacated full time deputy position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the request to fill the vacated full time deputy position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously,

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to fill the part-time Educator and Preparedness Grant positions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the request to fill the part-time Educator and Preparedness Grant positions, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Cj reported that the Judges Bench computers were installed and are now configured and ready for the E-Filing. The State provided the necessary equipment and after we got it configured we just had to install it, which proved to be a little difficult.

The fairgrounds had internet problems again this year. We worked with Frontier and after a few hours of work it was up and going in time for the fair. Elias and Eli have been working with the Highway sign shop to get a better solution for the computer usage. The new system will be deployed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Time was spent in the CASA office this month installing a new machine and working on their existing machines.

Cj worked with Kim in the Sheriff's department to get old uncashed checks submitted to Indiana Unclaimed. This process was quite time consuming, but were eventually able to get the checks submitted.

Our new county website is now live and should be fully updated and fully functional. Cj encourages everyone to visit the website and let him know if any information has been omitted that should be on the site.

#### PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners to confirm the purchase of a newer vehicle for the Adult Protective Services department. The vehicle is being purchased through a grant through the FSSA (Family Social Services Agency).

Lisa also requested permission to hire a part-time person to train for the job of Patty Brugh, who is retiring at the end of the year. Lisa has the monies to fund this position through her extra help account. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the part-time position for training, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### E-911 DEPARTMENT

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to fill a full time position, due to a retirement. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill a full time position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### LOGAN'S LANDING

Becki Harris, Director, of Logan's Landing appeared before the Commissioners. Becki updated the Commissioners with what is happening at Logan's Landing. Logan's Landing is Logansport's Main

Street organization, devoted to downtown revitalization. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation. The organization was incorporated on June 7 of 1996. This organization has been focusing on economic development and beautification projects to improve and preserve the downtown district.

Becki gave a brief overview of all the different things Logan's Landing does for Logansport downtown. Becki noted the many grants and projects that Logan's Landing assists with like, Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections Greenhouse, which was awarded a \$10,000.00 dollar grant through the Cass Community Foundation.

Becki thanked the Commissioner's for their continued support to Logan's Landing by budgeting \$6,000.00 to fund the organization.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Robin B.C. Bancroft, who resides at 380 E 500 S, appeared before the Commissioners and thanked them and the all of the Department Heads for all of their valuable information in regards to how county government works. Since Robin has secured a full time job, she will no longer be able to attend the meetings.

Kenny Reese, who resides at 3022 W. Delaware Road, appeared before the Commissioners. Kenny would like to see a no through traffic sign placed on Delaware Road. Kenny also announced he is running for County Commissioner.

Patricia Beckman, who resides at 1913 N. Third Street, appeared before the Commissioners. Patricia has issues with dogs in the area she resides. She requested that the Commissioners please look into an ordinance that would take care of intrusive dogs.

Jim Sailors told Patricia that the Commissioners were working on an ordinance to address this situation.

Dan McDonald announced that the Junior Civic Players will present "Mary Poppins" July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and July 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 at McHale. Dan told the Commissioners that over 148 youth tried out for the upcoming play.

There were no other 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