

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 21, 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, Auditor Cheryl Alcorn, and Attorney Jeff Stanton.

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENTS – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the CARES Act claims for grant reimbursement as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for August. Government building and Jail were treated several times with disinfectant. Installed two wall pack lights to east side of the Jail along Fourth Street. South roof top unit on the Consolidated Union building was replaced. 911 Center cabinets were moved from the conference room to the 911 room. Kitchen drains were cleaned in the ambulance garage.

Richard attended progress meetings and met with vendors regarding the Jail expansion project.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for August.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	159
PRISONERS RELEASED	138
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1718
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,585
OFFICER PATROL MILES	169,061
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	228
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	100
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	13
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	58
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	39
PROPERTY DAMAGE	31

PERSONAL INJURY	8
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	33
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,576
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	348
SRO CALLS/CASES	3

Sheriff Schroder reported the three SRO cases involved officers locating students not reporting to school.

Sheriff Schroder explained the procedures in place for COVID testing of inmates. Incoming inmates are held in detox area and tested three times a week and social distancing is practiced with empty cell blocks between inmates. White County is housing the overflow of inmates. Sheriff Schroder extended appreciation to Richard Gundrum and Serenity Alter for their assistance during this pandemic.

Sheriff Schroder informed reports of a sniper on the rooftop of the court house during the council meeting last Friday was emphatically not true. Sheriff Department had a unit on the rooftop observing crowd control of the public demonstration.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for the IT Department. The new Hart Intercivic voting system was delivered and tested. Hart Intercivic provided training of the new equipment in preparing for the upcoming fall election. Successful logic and accuracy testing have been performed and absentee ballots printed for mailing. Pollbooks system software was upgraded.

Cj reported the internet service at the Health Department COVID Testing Center is now fully provided by MetroNet for computers, phones, and printers. Dispatch experienced a short disruption in placing long-distance calls, Frontier was able to correct the problem by the next day. Internet service was down for a short time at France Park due to a storm that took out the MetroNet service.

Cj requested consideration to purchase upgrade for the Pictometry service providing an enhanced imagery technology of aerial photography enabling departments to assess improvements and issue permits from their desk tops. Assessor Cathy Isaacs distributed information to Commissioners explaining the service upgrade and aerial pictures showing the improvement of visual details.

JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT – Job change orders pending will be addressed at next meeting upon completion of documentation by Architects.

APPOINTMENTS – Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the following board re-appointments;
Animal Control Board:

Roger Kunkel	1 yr	1-1-20 to 12-31-20
Kathy Patty	1 yr	1-1-20 to 12-31-20
Sheri Deardorff	1 yr	1-1-20 to 12-31-20

Arrowhead RC & D Board:

Cheri Anderson	1 yr	1-1-20 to 12-31-20
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Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS BUREAU – Toni Savini appeared before the Commissioners and presented a current financial report as of July 31st. Marketing expenses totaling \$41,513.83 included marketing grants and advertising. A list of print and radio advertising was presented, along with list of marketing project grants. Toni reported operating expenses totaling \$18,651.68 and revenue of \$64,778.51 from Innkeeper’s Tax has been received.

Toni reported as a result of reduction in events due to the COVID pandemic, funding was used for three billboards featuring France Park. Billboards were placed in Fulton, Miami, and Howard Counties.

Jim Sailors commented France Park has been at full capacity for two years, attributed to the marketing and advertising through the Visitors Bureau.

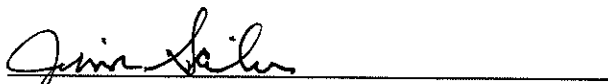
PUBLIC COMMENT - Ralph Anderson stated public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Residents shall state their name and address.


Lora Redweik, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – Who is the internet provider for the county?
Jim Sailors replied Comcast through Metro Net.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Ralph Anderson, President


Jim Sailors, Vice President


Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor