

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA

The following were added to the agenda:

The Health Department between item three and four of the agenda.

The Sheriff between item six and seven of the agenda.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18th meeting and the minutes from the Executive meeting held on February 4th as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Claims and Payroll as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Cheri Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report of the Cass County Health Department. Fourteen vaccination clinic days were held in January. 328 patients were seen for vaccines with 727 immunizations given. Cory Welford completed training for Lead Inspector and Lead Risk Assessor. He is scheduled to take the Third-Party exam at ISHD to become a fully licensed Lead Risk assessor. All of the septic paperwork has been modified to make them compliant with the new septic code IAC 410 6-8.2 The Cass County Wastewater Ordinance 2009-3 has also been modified to conform to the new code. It was submitted to the ISDH for review. All forms have been updated on the website too.

The Health Department's part-time nurse has accepted a full time position outside the Health Department. The Health Department would like to begin searching for a new part-time nurse. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time nurse, Jim Sailors seconded.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith the interim Highway Superintendent appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report. Snow events have kept the Highway Department very busy. The salt supply is being monitored closely and unless there is an extremely snowy March or major ice events it should be adequate. Logansport and Eel River Railroad has petitioned INDOT to remove the automated warning devices at the crossing on West Market Street. The tracks will be used for storage of rail cars. The county will still be required to maintain advance warning signs and pavement markings. The railroad will be required to maintain the crossing.

The Highway department is currently accepting applications for a driver position and a certified mechanic position. Both positions require a class A or B CDL along with other normal county employee requirements.

TREASURER

Dawn Conner-Kraud appeared before the Commissioners and presented a service contract for website tax payments. This contract is a renewal with the current website company the county used for tax payment. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the contract, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TOURISM

Toni Savini appeared before the Commissioners with a report of the Cass County Tourism Bureau. Toni presented the Commissioners with a detailed report of expenses and budget of the tax money they receive from the Innkeepers tax collected in Cass County. Gene Powlen asked what was done with grant monies that were not used. Toni informed Mr. Powlen that if the money that was requested was not used it was returned to the budget. The Tourism Bureau will be assisting the Cass County Historical Society for the next five years with a \$1,000.00.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to declare 23 items surplus property. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the items as surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor presented an Ordinance concerning sheriff sales to the Commissioners for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Attorney John Hillis noted to the Commissioners that a two hour hearing was held in Superior Court I between Rubel and Clem concerning a ditch. Dave Arnold commented that the Commissioners certificate sale will be held on February 23rd. Dave Arnold made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: _____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor