

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 7, 2011**

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

### **MINUTES**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the regular Commissioners meeting held February 22, 2011 and the Executive meeting held February 18, 2011, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Bennett appeared and presented her monthly report to the Commissioners. The Indiana State Department of Health's annual meeting was February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The county pool ordinance first draft was recently finished and ready for the review process. The Health Department Attorney, Jeff Stanton and Jason Geisler, Environmental Officer met with the Planning Commission to discuss cooperative efforts in dealing with unsafe properties, nuisances and illegal open dumping.

Currently the Health Department is working on permits for seasonal food vendors. Cory Wolford completed all required training for Lead Inspector/Assessor and received his license to perform these duties. A pending lawsuit, a federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction against the Indiana State Department of Health regarding the submission of Paternity Affidavits without social security numbers. The judge has ordered ISDH and its local Health Departments to return to its previous practice of accepting Paternity Affidavits that do not contain the social security numbers of both parents.

During the month of February, fourteen vaccination clinics were held. For the month of February 373 patients were seen with 930 immunizations given. The immunization field representative from the State Department of Health completed the annual site visit. All requirements for maintaining and administering VFC are critiqued and the immunization rate was tabulated. The nursing division was at a 99% immunization rate for the 258 babies born in 2008.

Dr. Bennett also presented a proposed Vaccine price change for 2011 to the Commissioners. This will be presented to the Cass County Council at their March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

| Vaccine<br>Type<br>Per dose | Current Price<br>Health Dept<br>charges | Cost to<br>Health<br>Dept | Proposed<br>new price |
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Per Dose

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|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|--|
| Meningitis  | \$105.00 | \$107.80 | \$115.00  |  |
| Tuberculin  | \$ 4.00  | \$ 3.02  | \$ 5.00   |  |
| Typhoid     | \$ 50.00 | \$ 48.11 | \$ 60.00  |  |
| Pneumonia   | \$ 40.00 | \$ 48.96 | \$ 60.00  |  |
| Varicella   | \$ 90.00 | \$ 87.12 | \$ 100.00 |  |
| Hepatitis B | \$ 30.00 | \$ 51.75 | \$ 60.00  |  |
| Hepatitis A | \$ 25.00 | \$ 62.35 | \$ 70.00  |  |

\*The reason for the proposed change is that vaccine prices have jumped and will soon exceed the cost.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly update for the Cass County Highway Department. Jeff publicly thanked all of the CCHD workers for their service during the month of February dealing with all of the snow events. The freeze and thaw has taken its toll county roads. The CCHD has been dealing with the potholes as weather allows. A large sink hole has developed on CR500 E near 1100S. CCHD crews have been waiting for the high water to recede from the opening so we can excavate and repair the problem.

Plans are being finalized for the replacement of culvert BE-110, on CR 500E just north of 425 N. We anticipate this project to be completed during this year's construction season. The replacement structure will be a small concrete box beam bridge, which was the most feasible option based on site and soil conditions.

NDOT has awarded a bid for the SR 16 project from Twelve Mile to US31. The project included resurfacing and widening, and is projected to be complete by the end of 2011. Interviews for the mechanic position have concluded and we should be making a final decision on that position within one to two weeks. Interviews will now begin for the driver position.

The Commissioners are requesting that the CCHD begin placing calcium down in front of homes that are on gravel. This will be practiced as long as the budget permits.

### **CLERK**

Clerk Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners to request their approval of three voting centers for the upcoming city election. The proposed sites are Benjamin Long Center, Logansport Mall and the Cass Senior Center. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the sites, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **FIRE DISTRICT**

Kyle Anderson appeared before the Commissioners with the report of the new Fire District for January and February. There were 70 calls. All of the knock boxes were replaced for the Fire District. The Fire District is planning to have an open house as soon as the weather permits. The District is also working on a mutual aid agreement within townships and the City of Logansport.

### **TOWN OF WALTON**

John Mangan is planning a 5K run/walk for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He is requesting traffic to be blocked at 900S. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the traffic block, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared and presented the Commissioners with the contract for Sheriff Sales to be conducted by SRI. County Attorney John Hillis had read and approved the contract. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the contract with SRI, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor also presented the specifications for two additional squad cars for bid process to the Commissioners. Jim Sailors approved the specifications as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ROOSTERS**

George Franklin, representing the Roosters appeared before the Commissioners in regards to a contract for the Civil War Memorial at Mount Hope Cemetery. The Roosters would like to enter into a contract to have the Civil War Memorial

repaired and refurbished. The time table would be around three weeks and would begin sometime the first or second week of April. Jim Sailors made a motion giving approval for the Roosters to enter into the contract, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Skip Kuker appeared and requested that he be placed on the Council agenda for tax abatements for March 18<sup>th</sup>. John Hillis, County Attorney reviewed the SBA lease and made corrections, it is ready to be signed. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the SBA lease, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President

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Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor