

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 2, 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 the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes 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. Cherie Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report from the Health Department. The Health Department has seen an increase in food applications for temporary events. The Environmental department has had seven formal complaints filed in April bringing the year's total to 29. Permission to alter vital records has been changed, amendments may only be done by those who certify the records. This decision was made by Indiana State Registrar to preserve the integrity of death records.

During the month of April, ten vaccination clinic days were held. A Tdap walk-in -clinic was also held for adults in need of vaccine. 251 patients were seen with 649 immunizations given.

On April 28th Dr. Bennett met with the Personnel Committee to go over the options for a part-time administrator position. There were two proposals presented and the Health Board opted for option B. This option is outlined below:

22 hour/week part time administrator
\$16.00/hour
No benefits (part time employee, savings \$16,529.20)
Total salary \$18,304

Dave Arnold made a motion to approve option B, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennett also presented the recommendation from the district 4 Coordinator as to how the Public Health Student should be compensated. The student will be considered an intern and will be

working on our preparedness grant. The compensation will be given for each goal that is completed in the grant process. The amount of compensation will be \$250.00 per quarter. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the guidelines for the intern, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners to present his monthly report. The 300 S. project has been impacted by rain, but continues to move forward. Concrete paving is to begin on May 19th. The main line of the 300 S. project is to open by the end of June. The 2011 road construction plan is being finalized. The budgeted money will allow the CCHD to maintain close to the same amount of work that was performed last year, which included 5,000 tons of pug mix and around 30 miles of chip & seal. County road 400 E is to be paved with hot mix asphalt between n US 35 and the railroad tracks. This road serves Kent Feeds and the Andersons fertilizer plant.

There were nearly 20 locations around the county that were affected by last week's heavy rains. INDOT has granted the final approval to our bridge inspection consultant selection. The Army Corps of Engineers permit has been approved for the replacement of culver BE-110 on CR 500 E north of 425N.

The closed Anoka Bridge, which crosses the Winamac Southern railway on CR 250 S, is in deteriorating condition. Research is underway, both by our office and by the Winamac –Southern, to determine the best method and possible cost of demolition. A cost of around \$85,000 to \$90,000 was given to the CCHD from a contractor who deals in the demolition of bridges.

Jeff Smith had a meeting with the Personnel Committee and they recommend the following starting wages be set at:

Shop Foreman Position- \$14.05

Project Coordinator Position-\$14.05

Un-Certified Mechanic-\$12.50

Certified Mechanic Position during the 90 day probation period will be \$16.50 after the probation period is completed the pay will \$17.50. Gene Powlen made a motion that a positive recommendation of this pay schedule be sent on to the Council, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

Clerk Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners for a request of an additional \$1000.00 for her first deputy's pay. This increase will not begin until September of 2011. Jim Sailors made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Council, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED ORDINANCE 00-13

The Health Department presented an amended ordinance entitled Fees for Services from the Health Department for the review of the Commissioners. The ordinance was amended to reflect the increase in the price of certain vaccines. This will be Ordinance 2011-05. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the amended ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Pat Hann appeared before the Commissioners with a request to incorporate his two part-time positions into one full time position. This would eliminate all part-time positions. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request to eliminate the part-time positions and create one full time position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY CHANGE ORDER

Jeff Smith from the CCHD along with Dale Wills from R.W. Armstrong appeared before the Commissioners to present a change order for 300 S. The change order was for 16 cents. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the change order as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY SURPLUS BIDS

Jeff Smith presented the Commissioners with a bid sheet for one of the CCHD gas tanks that was declared surplus. The bid was for \$100.00 and submitted from Kevin Cowell. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the bid for \$100.00, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE

John Hillis presented an Ordinance Establishing County Elected Officials Training Fund to the Commissioners. A brief conversation took place as to whether the County actually needed the ordinance since it is actually covered in a State statute. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the Ordinance, no second was made. The motion died for lack of a second vote. This Ordinance will be presented to the Council at their May 20th meeting and if the Council adopts, then it will be presented to the Commissioners at their June 6th meeting.

SHERIFF CAR BIDS

There was one bid received for the Sheriff’s Department. The lone bid was opened by Attorney John Hillis, it was from Fletcher Chrysler located in Frankfort, Indiana. The bid was for Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicles:

2011 Dodge Charger Pursuit	
5.7L V8	
Full Size Spare Tire	
Rear Doors/Windows Deactivate	
Driver’s Side Spot	
\$22,854 per car x 3(Standard Paint)	\$68,562
\$23,354 per car x 3 (Sheriff’s Tan)	\$70,062

Trade Values:

2007 Chevrolet Impalas (2 Cars)	\$1,000 per car
2005 Ford E-350 12 Passenger Van	\$5,500
2002 Buick LeSabre	\$2,500
2008 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab	\$10,500
2009 (New) Dodge Charger Pursuit Sheriff's Tan 3.5 V6	
\$18,500 per car x 2	\$37,000
2011 Dodge Charger Pursuit 5.7L V8 Full Size Spare Rear Doors/Windows Deactivate Driver's Side Spot	
\$22,854 per car x2 (Standard Paint)	\$45,708
\$23,357 per car x2 (Sheriff's Tan)	\$46,708
Trade Values:	
2007 Chevrolet Impalas (2 Cars)	\$1,000 per car
2005 Ford E-350 12 Passenger Van	\$5,500
2002 Buick LeSabre	\$2,500
2008 Dodge Ram 4x4 Quad Cab	\$10,500

Sheriff Pryor explained to the Commissioners that the Sheriff's Association had no directive as to a standard color for Sheriff cars. Sheriff Pryor is looking at a single color instead of the standard two tone. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the bid as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor and Attorney John Hillis have drafted an ordinance in regards to alarm systems and a charge for false alarms for these systems. This will be published in the paper and reviewed for adoption at the June meeting. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the publishing of the ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

A public hearing was held for Jefferson Township in regards to poor relief. Ms. Jacqueline Sweeney approached the podium, Attorney John Hillis swore her in. Jacqueline resides at 8538 W. US 24 Lot 9, Logansport. Ms. Sweeney was denied her request for assistance by Township Trustee, Gary Miller. Testimony was heard. Gary Miller was called to the podium, Attorney John Hillis swore him in. The Commissioners heard all testimony from both parties. Jim Sailors made a motion to uphold the

Jefferson Township Trustees decision to deny the request for assistance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Jeff LeDonne a Cass County Council member, appeared before the Commissioners along with Brad Sparks of B & S Excavating, 10422 E CR 500 S., concerning a road cut. Mr. Sparks had been informed by the CCHD that the road cut could not be done. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Sparks speak directly with Jeff Smith at the CCHD to resolve this issue.


Allen Hanna of 4937 N. CR 200 W., Logansport appeared before the Commissioners in regards to an issue of speeders. Dave Arnold suggested that Mr. Hanna contact Sheriff Pryor to resolve this issue. There were no other public comments. Gene Powlen 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