

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 16, 2011

The Cass County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.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.

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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and introduced Preston Howard. Preston is a student of Trine University and is interning at the Sheriff's department for the summer. Preston presented the monthly report to the Commissioners.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	175
PRISONERS RELEASED	141
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,907
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	13,099
OFFICER PATROL MILES	30,382
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	117
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	59
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	3
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	11
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	27
PROPERTY DAMAGE	23
PERSONAL INJURY	3
FATALITIES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	172
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,611
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	974

Sheriff Pryor will present to the Commissioners and Merit Board some new guidelines for the Sheriff's deputies concerning cell phones and computers. Sheriff Pryor reported to the Commissioners that he investigated vandalism on the Panhandle Trail. A report was made and an investigation will follow. Sheriff Pryor is working on an Ordinance for the trails. Sheriff Pryor also informed the Commissioners that he is working on a contract for employees in regards to schooling and training. He will be presenting this to the Merit Board when completed.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly I.T. report. The I.T. department has been very busy. The election went very smoothly. A recount has been requested by one of the candidates and that will take place on Thursday May 19th. Randy Pryor and Cj traveled to Indianapolis for training on the Electronic Citation and Warning System. The Sheriff's department will have six printers, scanners, and car mounts for equipment along with seven cases of paper for the printers. This equipment will not be fully functioning until air cards are purchased for the deputy cars.

Cj will be working with the planning department to pick a new software suite to use with the city planning department for permitting. Dusty has been working with Teletask the new scheduling software company in the Health Department. The server room a/c unit has died. A temporary unit was purchased. A plan to move the server rack to a new location with a new cooling unit is in the works.

Cj attended a Cushing technologies conference in Carlyle, Illinois. Many features of the software were presented and that should help with some of the problems that dispatch has been experiencing.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners to present a change order for the construction on 300 S. The amount was for minus \$1,490.00. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the change order, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff submitted to the Commissioners copies of the report for Local Road and Street. This annual report is required by the State of Indiana each year. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the report as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff also presented the Plan Sheet for the bridge replacement for BE110 located 525 E and North of 425 W.

PROSECUTOR

Kevin Enyeart appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the State funding a new position. Kevin is moving Kelly Gaumer into the new position of Assistant Prosecutor. Andrew Achey will take over Kelly's position as Misdemeanor Prosecutor. Jim Sailor made a motion to approve the new position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin informed the Commissioners that he will have two summer interns. They will work two to three days per week. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the interns, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold requested that the interns appear before the Commissioners at the end of their internship and give a report of their experiences working in the Prosecutors office. Kevin thought that would be a great thing for them to do.

MAINTENANCE

Pat Hann appeared before the Commissioners to clarify what position he was requesting. There seemed to be some confusion at the last meeting. The position that Pat requested did not exist. Pat requested permission to fill his part-time position. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners to present the Grant for Community Corrections. This Grant runs from July 2011 to June 2012. The amount of the Grant is \$619,840.00. Cass County is at the highest approved level for Grant funding. This Grant amount was reduced by \$70,000.00. This amount will be covered by User Fees that are collected. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Grant for Community Corrections, Gene Powlen seconded.

Dave informed the Commissioners that at this time only five individuals on work release were unemployed. Work Release currently has thirty eight men and four women in their program. Dave will be meeting with the Personnel Committee in regards to adding more part-time people to his staff. The work crews have been busy mowing for the city and county and beautifying the downtown area with flowers.

APPOINTMENT

The Cass County Commissioners made the recommendation to appoint Phil Miller to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Phil Miller to the Alcohol Beverage Board, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Sandy Heckard appeared before the Commissioners with Tony Hayden from the Cass County Family Y. France Park and the Cass County Family Y host the Annual River City Triathlon. The Triathlon will be held on June 11th, starting at 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. Sandy requested permission from the Commissioners to use county roads for this activity. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the use of county roads, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Cass County Sheriff's department will provide four deputies for this activity.

ORDINANCES

The Ordinance for Elected Officials Training Fund was reviewed. This Ordinance died due to a lack of a second at the May 2nd meeting. Jim Sailor made a motion to approve the Ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Randy Pryor presented the Ordinance for Regulating Alarm Systems and Prescribing Penalties. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This Ordinance will not take effect until July 1st of 2011.

WILLOW BROOK SUBDIVISION

Ron Hawkins of 406 Kenilworth Lane, Galveston and Bob Walker of 11204 S. 1000 E., Galveston appeared before the Commissioners. They expressed concern over the road that runs through the Willow Brook Subdivision. The Cass County Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith went and viewed the roadway. Mr. Smith was in contact with E & B Paving to find out the particulars of the paving process. The finding was the roadway was never brought up to the specifications required to meet the standards for the road to be accepted by the County Highway Department.

The recommendation of the Cass County Commissioners was for the residents of the subdivision to consult with Mr. Pullen the developer, of the roadway problem. Since this is not a County issue the homeowners should try to resolve the problem with Mr. Pullen.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS AUDIT

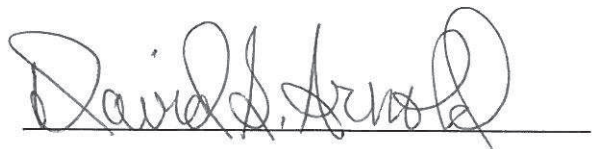
Vaneen Ide, Auditor appeared before the Commissioners to publicly report that the audit for 2010 was deemed satisfactory by SBOA. Dave Arnold and Ralph Anderson were present for the exit audit. The Auditor was cited for one issue and that is in the process of being resolved. Ralph Anderson praised the department heads of the County for their hard work and diligent record keeping.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Mr. Thompson of 9426 Logansport Road, Logansport appeared and addressed the Commissioners in regards to the property he is renting. He was given an eviction notice by the owner. He had been informed that it was to be condemned. Mr. Richard Nance owns the property. Jim Sailors informed Mr. Thompson that the condemnation notice was not sent out. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Nance need to come to an agreement about the property.

Ralph Anderson announced that he was to be a grandfather again at 12:30 p.m. today.

There were no other public comments. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dave Arnold, President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Sailors", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: Vaneen M. Ide

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor