

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 20, 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 with the monthly report for May:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	192
PRISONERS RELEASED	189
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,730
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	14,358
OFFICER PATROL MILES	32,941
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	149
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	184
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	5
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	44
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	44
PROPERTY DAMAGE	39
PERSONAL INJURY	5
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICERS	97.5

CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE 1,643

CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED 975

The Sheriff reported to the Commissioners that the jail is now housing 17 DOC inmates. Sheriff Pryor is requesting permission to fill a full time correction position. Justin Ruff resigned his position. Sheriff Pryor told the Commissioners that Justin would always be welcome back at the jail, he did a fine job. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the request to fill the full time correction officer position at the jail, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that he would be requesting additional monies from the Council. Jim Sailors praised Sheriff Pryor for the increase in visibility of county officers.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger was not present for the I.T. department's monthly report. The I.T. department was busy working with the Courts and Clerks office with the new state program Odyssey.

FIRE DISTRICT I

Kyle Anderson appeared before the Commissioners with a report of activity of the new fire district. The district has made 214 emergency runs. 154 were at the new station on Holland Street and the New Waverly station has completed 79. The Fire District has applied for two grants. All trucks are up and running. The Fire District is searching for grass trucks before the fall season starts.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dave Arnold requested, on behalf of the Heath Department, permission to replace a vacancy of a full time environmentalist. Gene Powlen made a motion to fill the vacant full time environmentalist, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY

Gene Powlen made a motion to table this issue upon further review by the Commissioners and the county attorney, John Hillis, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VACATE ALLEY

Attorney Jim Austin appeared before the Commissioners advising them that he and his client were requesting permission to vacate an alley located in the town of Twelve Mile. Mr. Austin will proceed with proper notification to all individuals involved. The Commissioners gave the okay for Mr. Austin to proceed.

HIGH STREET RENTALS

Dave Arnold reported that the property at 520 High Street that houses Community Corrections and E-911 Dispatch is in need of a roof. Bids have been taken and the lowest one was for \$59,740.00. An additional appropriation will be sought for the funds. Jim Sailors made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the County Council, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REGION IV WORKFORCE

Roger Feldhaus appeared before the Commissioners with a presentation of Work One. The board of directors, John Hipskind and Arden Gramer, were introduced by Mr. Feldhaus. Deb Sheets was also introduced. She is the team leader for Cass and Mann Counties.

Work One specializes in job training and job matching. Logansport has a WorkOne express site located on the Ivy Tech campus. The budget has been reduced from 8 million to 5 million. Region IV consists of twelve counties. There is a board of consisting of sixteen members. Arden Gramer and John Hipskind are our representatives to the board.

Deb Sheets introduced Morgan Brenner to the Commissioners. Morgan addressed the Commissioners and told his story of how Work One has helped him become more marketable. WorkOne helped Morgan secure a grant for continuing his education and that education has helped him secure employment.

COMMISSIONERS

Each year the Cass County Commissioners are to give a recommendation to the Cass County Council for pay raises. The Commissioners are sending on to the Council a recommendation of a 3% increase for the budget year 2012. Jim Sailors made a motion to send on the positive recommendation contingent on the budget, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERIOR COURT II

Judge Maughmer was unable to attend the meeting due to Court proceedings. Dave Arnold presented his request to the Commissioners. Judge Maughmer requests permission to fill a vacancy in his office. One of the Superior Court II employees has decided to retire. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the filling of the Superior Court II vacancy, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

There were no 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: _____

Vance M. Ide, Auditor