

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present 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 from the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Executive Sessions held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**HIGHWAY**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway report. County road 300 S. is proceeding with phase two on schedule. Phase two is the approach of CR 325 W. County road 275 W. is expected to re-open this week, weather permitting. A reimbursement agreement will provide for damages to CR 600W. during the detour on US 35. This year's chip and seal program is complete and pug mix application should wrap up this week. This year 27.54 miles of chip-seal was applied at a cost of approximately \$268,000.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with his report as Highway project coordinator. The relocation of poles for the BE110 has been completed. The resident land owners have been notified of the proposed start in one to two weeks. Chase Road project is waiting on Frontier to complete utility relocation. A crew of Highway workers will begin wooden bridge maintenance detail this fall. This will consist of placing shims in gaps on wooden planks and tightening down all bolts. USI bridge inspectors have advised us that periodic maintenance of this extent will prolong the life of our bridges. Our staff has been trained by USI to do this maintenance. The CCHD assisted county surveyor Jenny Clark and INDOT with a drainage issue in the town of Twelve Mile. A new 15 inch tile was place under SR 16 as a result of this effort.

Jeff Smith presented a request for FMLA leave for one of his employees. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the FMLA request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith also requested that the following equipment be declared surplus.

1996 John Deere 7600 tractor

1998 Chevrolet 1500 4x4 truck

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the items as surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A change order for 300 S. was presented. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the change order, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report of the Health Department. Dr. Bennett introduced the new part-time administrator Lynda Kennedy. Dr. Bennett wanted to publicly thank Cindy Howard for her help with claims and payroll during the interim period between administrators.

The nurses held ten vaccination clinic days during the month of August. 335 patients were seen and 853 immunizations were given. The environmentalists remain busy with several septic installers taking advantage of the weather to complete septic installations. Food inspections have continued within Cass County. The investigation of the sale of illegal baked goods through retail shops in Logansport was discovered.

#### **PROSECUTOR**

Marilyn Kahl appeared before the Commissioners for Kevin Enyeart. The Prosecutors office was requesting FMLA for one of their staff. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the FMLA leave, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Pat Hann appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill one full time position and one part-time position within his department. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the full time position, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the part-time position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to transfer one of the CO Officers that has cross trained to work in the kitchen, to the kitchen staff. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the transfer, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE**

The Ordinance for county road 600 W. speed limit was presented. This will be ordinance 2011-9. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Gene Powlen seconded.

#### HEALTH RESOLUTION

The Cass County Commissioners presented a Resolution that will discontinue health insurance for the County Commissioners that will be newly elected. Those that carry the insurance now will continue to have that benefit. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### E-911 AMENDMENT

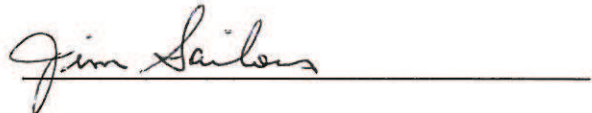
Dave Arnold presented to the Commissioners an Ordinance amending chapter 110 of the Cass County code entitled combined E-911 Dispatch Services. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending chapter 110 of the Cass County code for combined E-911 Dispatch Services, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

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



Dave Arnold, President

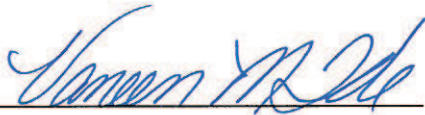


Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor