

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Attorney John Hillis joined the meeting while in session. 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 of the Health Department. The Health Department dedicated sixteen days to vaccination clinics. Seven regular vaccination clinics were held; one adult flu clinic and two kid flu clinics were held. The nurses traveled to all Cass County grade schools to vaccinate 5th graders for the 6th grade requirements. A total of 294 children and 767 vaccines were given at the schools. A total of 758 patients were seen for vaccines with 1625 immunizations given. More flu clinics are planned for the month of November.

McCall Kitchel has continued to inspect establishments as well as scheduling follow up visits with those needing return visits. McCall finished a dual Lead Inspector/Lead Risk Assessor class in Indianapolis. Lynda Kennedy has been working with Rob McLaughlin on the 2012 Preparedness budget. Lynda has been working on documenting office policies.

Lynda and Dr. Bennett are proceeding with a proposed medical assistant position to assist on vaccine days. This would be a part-time position and funded by the State of Indiana. Dr. Bennett made the Commissioners aware that next year the Health Department would be purchasing less adult flu vaccine, since so many other establishments are providing flu shots for adults.

HIGHWAY

A pre-final walkthrough has been completed on CR 300S. CR 325W remains closed until completion of the state bridge project, sometime the middle of next year. SR25 traffic will be switched over to the new road in the Clymers area very soon. This will be two way traffic on the new southbound highway lanes.

CCHD accepted quotes for a new pickup truck. This was a truck that had been budgeted for 2012 but due to budget savings this year, the purchase could be made from the 2011 budget. This will replace a 1999 model with 225, 000 miles. Quotes were received from the following dealers:

Hare Chevrolet, Noblesville	\$24,755
Mike Anderson GM, Logansport	\$24,829
Paul-Richard GM, Peru	\$24,944
Braun Chevrolet, Winamac	\$25,575
Cass County Ford	\$26,611(as specified)
Cass County Ford (alternate quote)	\$27,533-F350 1 ton, in stock

Hare Chevrolet was the lowest quote and was approved by the Commissioners and CCHD.

The Hoosier Heartland Bridge over Kokomo Pike will cause the road to be closed for a few days. The Commissioners agreed that the road should be closed so that the work can be completed.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with the update on CCHD projects. Work continues on Bridge 110. The weather and beavers creating dams have hampered the work. The first phase of the Chase Road project is expected to be substantially completed by Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Pipe crews led by CCHD employees, Ron Blackman and Rob Spradling have done an outstanding job with the installation of a new culvert on Delaware Road near 225W. The job was scheduled for a 2 week closure; the crew finished the job in 7 days. The completion of this job with local forces and equipment saved the county close to \$100,000 over the option of contracting out the work. Grinding work has begun on CR 600W between US 35 and SR 16. The County is in negotiation with INDOT for payment of damages to this road due to the closure of US 35.

YIELD SIGN

A yield sign ordinance was presented to the Commissioners by Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith. This would create a yield for Northbound CR 100N yield for CR 100N connector road. After a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners it was decided to add a yield to the South connector road. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve a rewritten ordinance including both the north and south connector roads, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A new ordinance will be presented for signatures at the November 21st meeting.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill two full time C.O. positions. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request, Gene Powlen seconded. Sheriff Pryor also informed the Commissioners that one of his full time deputy's will be leaving for military service for a period of three to five years. Sheriff Pryor requested that he be allowed to hire a full time deputy to fill

the position left by Mike Day. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the request, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners in regards to a resolution from 2004. The resolution made the I.T. department under the governing control of the Clerk during March 1 of each election year through the primary election and from September 1 of each election year through the general election. The Cass County Commissioners have chosen to eliminate the current resolution 2004-03. Resolution 2011-03 will revoke resolution 2004-03. Jim Sailors made a motion to adopt resolution 2011-03, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DISTRICT

Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Lori Forrer to the vacant position on the Fire District 1 Board, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The Cass County Commissioners adopted the following amendments to the current employee handbook.

1. A part time moving to full time---part timer working six months prior to going to full time-90 day probation period waved.
2. Pro rating benefits to hiring date.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the 1st amendment to the employee handbook, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the 2nd amendment to the employee handbook, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Jim Sailors announced that the new health insurance for the County would be with ING. The County insurance after the first of the year will not be with Cigna. The County broker remains the same. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the new insurance company, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

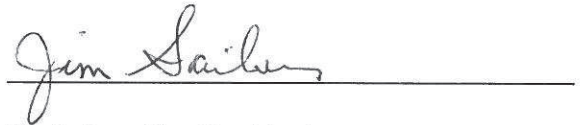
Councilman Ralph Anderson announced that Civic Players will have Charles Dickens in the theater for the presentation of a Christmas Story, December 3rd and 4th.

Skip Kuker distributed invitations to the Commissioners to the "Annual Elected Officials Overview" to be held November 17, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m.

There were no more 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