

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 7, 2012

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 followed by a moment of silence.

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 payroll and all claims with the exception of the Health Departments claim associated with check number 02025 in the amount of \$379.50, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bennett, Lynda Kennedy and Rob McLaughlin appeared before the Commissioners. Dr. Bennett explained to the Commissioners the reasoning behind the purchase of a solar generator. The claim had been pulled at the April 2nd meeting.

Dr. Bennett gave the Commissioners an overview of the work the Health Department did the month of April. Eight vaccination clinics were held. A total of 199 patients were seen and 604 immunizations given. There has been an influx of temporary food permit applications. Septic season is off to an early start this year. Several permits have already been issued. Lynda continues to work on the preparedness grant and she recently attended a class on applying for grants.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith and Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with their monthly reports. A tentative bid has been awarded for the Cass County's sign improvement program. Low bidder for the project is MAS Markers of Lebanon, IN. for \$266,166. This project will take place during the summer replacing approximately 1,400 road signs in Cass County. This program is funded with 90 percent federal money. The Cass County Commissioners signed a letter of concurrence for the low bid.

Ray informed the Commissioners that a wooden bridge maintenance program has been started this year. By implementing certain procedures the life span of a wooden bridge may be increased by 5 to 10 years. Pipe crew are installing two culverts one located on CR 200S, just west of the railroad track and CR 225S west of Essroc. Each enabled the county to save \$50,000.00.

Jeff Smith presented the Commissioners with the low bids for the new truck and bed to be accepted. The bids were opened and presented to the Commissioners at the April 16th meeting and taken under advisement. The bid from Weirs International 2013 International 7300 for \$74,995.00 and bid from W.A. Jones, alternate #1a Patriot bed constructed with Hardox 450 steel for \$19,395.00 were the bids recommended by Jeff Smith. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the bids, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith requested permission to fill the vacancy of a level #1 truck driver. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacancy, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Cass County Commissioners had reviewed the Annual Operation Reports from the Highway Department and had no questions. Jim Sailors made a motion to sign the reports as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	136
PRISONERS RELEASED	140
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,200
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	10,774
OFFICER PATOL MILES	30,377
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	205
CITATIONS ISSUED	198
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	4
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	36
TOTAL COLLISIONS	45
PROPERTY DAMAGE COLLISIONS	36
PERSONAL INJURY COLLISIONS	9
TOTAL FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	28
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,769
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	845

Randy informed the Commissioners that the two deputy positions had been filled. Branson Eber and Shane Johnson were hired and will begin in August after their training. The jail currently has 119 inmates and 14 DOC holds.

I.T.

No one was available in the I.T. department for a report due to election set up.

PLANNING

Arin Shaver appeared before the Commissioners with an ordinance. This will be Cass County Ordinance number 2012-03, Creation of an Ordinance Violation Bureau. This will cover the enforcement of policies of the Health Department, Planning Department and Surveyor's office. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Arin also presented the LPA consulting contract for Safe Routes to School – Town of Walton. The funding of this is reimbursed 100 percent. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the contract, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a position in the Prosecutors office. The position will become available in July due to a retirement. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the request at the beginning salary of \$19,500.00, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DOC GRANT

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners to present the Department of Corrections grant for signing. The grant contains the same language as before. Attorney John Hillis has reviewed the grant and approved. The grant runs from July 2012 to July 2013 and is in the amount of \$619,000.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the grant, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave also requested the filling of two part-time positions for Community Correction. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the filling of two part-time positions in the Community Correction department, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners with a request to approve the filling of a part-time position in the Clerk's office. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the filling of a part-time position in the Clerk's office, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a vacant position in his department. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacancy, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

John Hettinger appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to hire part-time summer help for the Park Department. John reported that nine to twelve positions will be needed for the summer. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the hiring of part-time summer help at the Park Department, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS

An agreement of termination has been agreed upon by the Commissioners for the ambulance service agreement. Attorney John Hillis prepared the document for the Commissioners. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the termination of the ambulance service agreement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WALTON JULY 4TH 5K RUN

John Mangan appeared before the Commissioners with permission to close 700E at 900S for the 5K run scheduled for July 4th. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the closing of 700E at 900S for the 5K run, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Dave Arnold made the recommendation to fill the position vacated on the Fire District #1 board with the resignation of member Lori Forrer. Karl Myer has been recommended for the position. There was also a recommendation to fill two positions on the Walton Library board. Marlene Remly and Paul Bauer have been recommended to fill the positions. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the names for the position to the Fire District #1 and the Walton Library board, Gene Powlen seconded.

Triathlon - Cass County Family Y- France Park

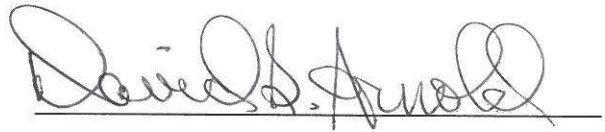
Permission was requested to use France Park for the Annual River City Triathlon. The race starts with a 500 yard swim in the quarry, 14.4 mile bike ride and finish with a 3.3 mile run through France Park. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the use of France Park for the Annual River City Triathlon, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BIKE TOUR

Mike Shannon appeared before the Commissioners for permission to use Cass county roads for the bike tour. Mike presented the Commissioners with a map of the designated routes for the tour. He also included a copy of the certificate of liability insurance. This is the second year for this tour. There will be four routes a 14, 27, 47, and a 60 mile for your biking pleasure. All will pass by a historic venue of Cass County. The tour will be Saturday May 12th with a mass start at 8:30 a.m. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the use of Cass County roads, Jim Sailors 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: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor