

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**June 4, 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, Auditor 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Michelle Crain. Auditor Vaneen Ide was absent. 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 claims and payroll as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. Dr. Bennett pointed out to the Commissioners that the report was for the month of May, not April as written on the heading of the report. Ten vaccination clinics were held, total number of patients seen for vaccines was 178, with 506 immunizations given. McCall Kitchell is continuing to inspect food establishments in the area and processing temporary permits for the many festivals. McCall took the new environmentalist, Kevin Lacey to a few inspections to help him gain experience.

Jan McKaig has conducted classes on "Bullying" to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of Landis Elementary and Thompson Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Lynda Kennedy has been busy setting up an area for the new Emergency Preparedness coordinator Kevin Lacey and the new summer intern Kaelyn Schlick.

Commissioner Gene Powlen had a question concerning the length of time for a septic permit to be processed. Dr. Bennett said she would look into that before the next meeting.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. Chase Road is partially re-opened to traffic. Drivers are reminded that the area remains under construction. Roadside mowing is underway. Patching continues with three crews out daily. At least two crews are working a township at a time, while the third is responding to work orders.

Dust control was applied on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> to gravel roads in Cass County. The summer road program includes approximately 37 miles of chip-seal and application of 7500 tons of pug mix.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with his update. Traffic counts have been conducted at various locations in Cass County, including two railroad crossings which INDOT has requested we consider for closure. CCHD assisted with the paving of two driveways at the Family Opportunity Center, the crew ground the old surface and hauled the hot mix asphalt for Central Paving to apply. CCHD also assisted the Fair Board with the removal of tree debris on the grounds of the Cass County Fairgrounds. Jim Sailors and Dave Arnold commented that many people have requested that the railroad crossing at 1100 S remain open.

Jeff Smith submitted an ordinance for a change in the speed for Chase Road. The current speed is 40 MPH the proposed ordinance will lower the speed to 35 MPH. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the speed limit change, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This becomes ordinance 2012- 05.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor was unavailable for today's meeting, Sgt. Tom Heflin appeared. Tom informed the Commissioners that the monthly report was not available. Tom told the Commissioners that he was glad that they were not considering closing the crossing at 1100 S.

### **I.T.**

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners. Cj's report was for the months of April and May. New phone work has taken place; New Paris had to come in and help diagnose an issuer that was knocking out our building's phones and requiring a reset of part of the phone system.

There are still issues with the Cushing software system. Cushing was bought out by J2 Software Solutions in March and we have been instructed that IT is to no longer reset the services that are acting up. Wait times have been between 30 to 90 minutes. Cj is currently working with J2 to be sure the wait times do not occur again.

Dusty finished the new computer rollout that was started last year and we have now begun our next two major projects. Dan McDonald requested a "help ticket" tracking system for use in dispatch. IT set up a ticket portal for Dan to use, this should help dispatch's communication issues to him and IT before the problem has lingered on for multiple shifts.

39 Degrees has had Denise working with the Highway Department to make sure they have all of the mapping layers required for their use. This will be a great tool for the Highway Department.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

The Cass County Commissioners are requesting to post the requirements for a part-time position in their office.

### **COURT HOUSE ATTIRE**

The Cass County Commissioners have discussed and decided to implement a policy of:

No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service. This sign will be posted at the entrance of the building. The building security officers will have jurisdiction over this matter. Jim Sailors made a motion to adopt the policy, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Earlier the Cass County Courts established a dress code for the Courtroom. It has more restrictions and they may be enforced by any law enforcement officer or court staff member. The order was adopted on May 31, 2012 it reads:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that no person shall be permitted to enter the courtrooms in the Cass County Government Building as a spectator or participant if wearing the following clothing:

Short shorts, micro –mini skirts

Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops

See through clothing, low-cut tops

Clothing that exposes bare midriff and /or undergarments

Hats or head coverings (the presiding judge may authorize appropriate exceptions)

Pajamas, swimwear

Clothing that depicts or promotes illegal activity, drug/alcohol abuse, violence, sex acts, gang affiliation or profanity

This order was signed by Leo T. Burns, Circuit Court Judge, Richard Maughmer, Superior Court 2 and Thomas C. Perrone, Superior Court 1.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

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

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President

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Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor