

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

The Cass County Commissioners met in the Commissioner Hearing Room at 1:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 and presented the monthly report. Dr. Bennett informed the Commissioners that since the weather was so dry early this season, that the mosquito problem has just begun. The Health Department is spraying as needed and when called in regards to an area of concern. The State Department of Health tested 10 pools of mosquitoes and found all 10 were positive for West Nile Virus. The Cass County Health Department has issued a PSA warning for citizens to take proper precautions.

Dr. Bennett also requested permission to advertise for bids for a new vehicle for the Health Department. Bids are to be opened at the October 1st meeting. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the bid process for a new vehicle for the Cass County Health Department, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly report. State Road 16 will be closing September 10th between 600E and 700E. All chip and seal for 2012 is completed. Brush complaints are being taken care of as quickly as possible. Road grading and mowing continues as the work load permits.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with his report. Work is underway to complete the federally mandated ADA requirements. This mandate must be carried out to continue receiving federal dollars for road or other projects. The assessment involves all county owned buildings, as well as sidewalks within the county road right of way. Professional assistance will be required for part of this

work and a proposal will be brought to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will appoint a transition plan coordinator and a compliance coordinator. The work involves completing an assessment and then developing a plan to address shortfalls.

Jeff Smith informed the Commissioners that he met with the personnel committee in regards to a new payroll structure for the highway. The new structure fits into what was requested for the 2013 budget. The personnel committee sent forward a positive recommendation to the Commissioners. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the new pay structure, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. The I.T. department finished up with the County Health Clinic. The new Toughbook laptops bought for the Sheriff's deputies are now ready to be put into service. The Cushing system has been moved onto a new dedicated server provided by J2 software. It appears that we may still be experiencing some issues but seems to be more under control. The wire cleanup project is now complete inside the courthouse and will soon be moving to outside locations such as sheriff's department, annex, health department, highway, EMA and Family Op.

I.T. is currently working on finding a solution for the Park for internet. The ballot for the upcoming Presidential election is being finalized. Public testing will take place sometime after all the corrections are made to the ballot.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report of the Park. Compliance with the Board of Health has kept park staff busy. The park held a triathlon with over 300 entries. The park has lowered the fee for mountain bikes from \$7.00 to \$2.00 and is currently working to improve the mountain bike trails. Lucas requested that the Commissioners consider allowing swimming with fewer or no life guards. The recommendation was to contact the insurance carrier and consult with the county attorney.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Arin Shaver appeared before the Commissioners. Arin presented an Ordinance pertaining to the table for confined feed operations. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the amended ordinance as submitted, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Arin also presented the Commissioners with the proposal for the part-time building inspector. This position would be for 8 to 10 hours per week. Arin presented this to the Personnel Committee. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the part-time building inspector position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners. Dave requested to hire a full time person to replace one that has left his employment. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the hiring of a full time person, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Commissioners will be accepting proposals for Public Defender contract for the year 2013 at a future meeting. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve proposals for Public Defender contract for the year 2013, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance was presented to amend the employee handbook. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the ordinance as submitted, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was presented to allow the funding of health insurance to a nongovernmental employee. The State of Indiana requested additional monies for Cass County Council for Aging. In lieu of additional funding the Commissioners will fund the director's health insurance. The director will be responsible for his portion of the insurance. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the resolution, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WHITE COUNTY GIS AGREEMENT

Mr. Steve Leatherman presented an agreement between White County and Cass to share GIS layers of information for E-911 purposes. This will be shared information and no monies will exchange. Dave Arnold made a motion to take the agreement under advisement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following holiday schedule was presented for approval for 2013

NEW YEARS'S	TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 ST
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 21 ST
PRESIDENTS' DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 TH
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, MARCH 29 TH
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 27 TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY	THURS., JULY 4 TH & FRI., JULY 5 TH
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 ND
VETERANS' DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 TH
THANKSGIVING	THURS., NOV 28 TH & FRI., NOV 29 TH
CHRISTMAS	WED., DEC 25 TH & THUR., DEC 26 TH

NEW YEARS EVE

TUESDAY DEC 31ST

Jim Sailors made a motion to adopt the 2013 Holiday schedule, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2013 COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES

The following meeting dates for 2013 were presented for approval:

WED.	JANUARY 2, 2013	1:00 PM
TUES.	JANUARY 22, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	FEBRUARY 4, 2013	1:00 PM
TUES.	FEBRUARY 19, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	MARCH 4, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	MARCH 18, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	APRIL 1, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	APRIL 15, 2013	6:00 PM
NON.	MAY 6, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	MAY 20, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	JUNE 3, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	JUNE 17, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	JULY 1, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	JULY, 15, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	AUGUST 5, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	AUGUST 19, 2013	6:00 PM
TUES.	SEPTEMBER 3, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	SEPTEMBER 16, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	OCTOBER 7, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	OCTOBER 21, 2013	6:00 PM
MON.	NOVEMBER 4, 2013	1:00 PM
MON.	NOVEMBER 18, 2013	6:00 PM

MON. DECEMBER 2, 2013
MON. DECEMBER 16, 2013

1:00 PM
6:00 PM

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting dates for 2013 as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Maughmer informed the Commissioners that he was more than willing to work with them with the Public Defender proposal. He is concerned and referenced I.C. code 33-48.1, to help with the directions this proposal should take.

There were no other 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