

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 6, 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 and a moment of Silence.

MINUTES

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve all minutes from July 16, July 20th Executive Session and July 20th Public Meeting, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lynda Kennedy from the Health Department appeared before the Commissioners. The Health Department held eight vaccination clinics during the month of July. Total patients were 182, with 493 immunizations given. Jan McKaig completed the Trust Grant Application for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 and the Carryover Report and the Year End Report for FY 2011-12. A registrar has been hired and starts August 6th.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. CCHD was busy with July storm clean up. The CCHD responded to more than 30 trees obstructing roads. Personnel worked 8 to 9 hours and one crew, consisting of Jim Buettner, Jon Beck, David Hicks and Max Long, worked well into the evening to finish clearing trees. The chip seal phase of our summer road program is scheduled to begin on August 13th.

Cass County has been awarded funding in the amount of \$3,069 in INDOT's Fiscal Year 2013 grade crossing fund. This money requires no match and will be used to replace signage at 24 locations and pavement markings at 1 location in the county.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with the CCHD Project report. Chase Road is now complete, with the exception of a few minor punch list items. CR 325 W Bridge is now open over the Hoosier Heartland highway. CR 175 W has been closed where the highway will cross south of SR 25. This closure will be permanent, with cul de sacs to be built on either side of the highway. CR 125 W will be closed in a similar fashion at a later date.

A request for proposals will soon be posted for engineering services on the planned CR 400 S project. The first phase of the project includes the portion of the road from SR 25 through the town of Clymers. Dave Arnold complimented the Highway Department on a fine job with the Chase Road project; he also included Crossroads Engineering, Deichman, and E & B.

HIGHWAY PERSONNEL

Jeff Smith appeared and requested permission to hire two truck drivers. Jeff recently lost a driver to retirement and a resignation. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the hiring of two truck drivers, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with I.T.'s monthly report. I.T. has been busy with the new employee health clinic. Dusty and Eli have continued cleaning up wires in the courthouse. Approximately 20 machines that were purchased with grant money to be used in the EOC and in Sheriff Deputy cars have been configured. Dan McDonald contacted I.T. to develop an IDACS document retention system so that E-911 will be compliant with new IDACS standards.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with his report. Lucas reported that after this week, swimming at the park will only be on week-ends. A river otter that was trapped is now at the taxidermist, it will become a part of the parks wildlife display. Lucas requested that he be allowed to replace a full time employee that left the park. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the replacement of the full time employee, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a full time vacant position. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the request for a full time position, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS AREA TRANSIT GRANT

Beau Beard appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of the status of the Area Transit Grant from the State of Indiana. There will be a reduction in the funds awarded. The Federal portion is \$435,685.00 and \$434,835.00 State PMTF portion, for a total of \$870,520.00. Beau informed the Commissioners that Area Transit will not seek any additional funding from the County and will live within the monies received from the grant. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the grant application, the County will not subsidize the shortfall of the grant, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

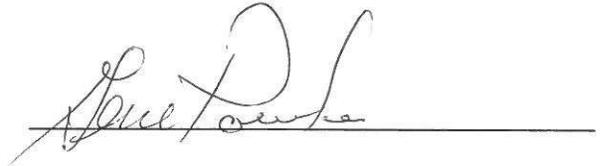
Herb Crimmins addressed the Commissioners, but his comments were meant for the Drainage Board, which was the meeting following the Commissioner's meeting. There were no other comments. Dave Arnold requested a motion to adjourn. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor