

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 3, 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.

MINUTES

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

RE-ORGANIZATION

Jim Sailors made a motion to retain the same officers, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The officers will remain Dave Arnold as President, Jim Sailors as Vice President and Gene Powlen as Member.

Jim Sailors made a motion to retain John Hillis as County Attorney, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Gene Powlen made a motion to retain Jeff Stanton as Deputy County Attorney for the Health Department, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report of the Health Department. A children's flu clinic was held on December 14. McCall Kitchel recently took and passed the Lead Risk Assessor 3rd party exam and will now be able to conduct assessments as needed for the Health Department. Rob McLaughlin has been following up on complaints and conducting site visits for septic systems as the weather permits. Jan McKaig visited Lewis Cass tenth graders for tobacco education. Jan also visited Pioneer second and fourth grade classes for proper hand washing procedures and Caston second grade classes for getting along and anti bullying education.

Dr. Bennett and Lynda Kennedy requested permission from the Commissioners to close the Health Department for lunch. They felt that there was not sufficient staffing during lunch time. The Commissioners after a brief discussion denied the request, citing other offices that remain open with smaller staffs than theirs.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Jeff reported that the winter weather had been kind to Cass County. December 9, 17, and 27 the County had applied salt/sand to the roads. On the 27th the roads required plowing of snow. The lack of winter weather has allowed other work to be done, including hole patching, cutting brush, and hauling stone to stockpiles and some gravel road maintenance. The shop crew consisting of Bob Draper, Brent Weaver and Jon Albin assisted by other personnel have kept an aging truck fleet in working order. Plans for 2012 include completing employee evaluations and monthly training sessions.

Jeff Smith presented Ray Eber's report. Bridge 110 is now complete and open to traffic. Jack Isom Construction finished the project approximately 10 days ahead of the completion deadline. The Chase Road project is in a winter shutdown now, although some storm sewer work is continuing east of Smith Street as weather allows. County Road 400 S. is now open in both directions at SR 25. The pavement is temporary in some locations, along with areas of stone. CCHD trimmed brush and are working with the State's project manager to alleviate concerns over visibility of the stop sign for eastbound 400 S. at this intersection. A temporary stop ahead sign has been placed and a permanent one will follow as soon as possible.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept all bids submitted for the Highway Department, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made by the Cass County Commissioners for the Commissioners by virtue of office:

Cass County Plan Commission	Jim Sailors
Logansport Economic Dev. Foundation	Dave Arnold
Memorial Home Board	Gene Powlen
Industrial Park Board	Gene Powlen
Solid Waste District	Jim Sailors
	Dave Arnold
	Gene Powlen
County Redevelopment Commission	Dave Arnold
Cass County Economic Development Commission	Dave Arnold

Drainage Board

Dave Arnold

Jim Sailors

Gene Powlen

Indiana Homeland Security District 4

District Planning County (DPC)

Gene Powlen

Transportation Advisory Committee

Gene Powlen

Cass County Combined E-9-11 Dispatch

Dave Arnold

Governing Board Joint Plan Commission

Jim Sailors

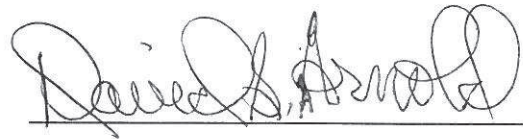
Council of Aging

Dave Arnold

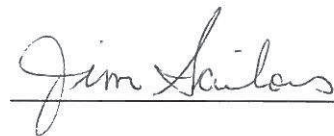
Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Commissioner appointments as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN


Newly elected Mayor, Ted Franklin, appeared and told the Commissioners that he is looking forward to working with the County to better all of Cass County. 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