

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 21, 2012

The Cass County Commissioners met at 6:00P.M. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis, Auditor 1st 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 and approve two checks held from previous meetings from the Health Department, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE PICNIC

Cindy Howard appeared before the Commissioners to approve the date of July 26 for the employee picnic and the closing of all Governmental offices between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the date and the closure of all Governmental offices the hours requested, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cindy Howard appeared before the Commissioners to approve the date of December 20 for the employee Christmas Party and the closing of all Governmental offices between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the date and the closure of all Governmental offices the hours requested, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEPOTISM

Attorney John Hillis presented the ordinance to the Commissioners in regards to the new regulations concerning nepotism. Governor Mitch Daniels signed into law House Enrolled Act 1005 HEA 1005 introduces new statutes implementing anti-nepotism rules and makes approval of budget of certain entities contingent on local government adoption of anti-nepotism polices. This will take effect July 1, 2012:

Employment of relatives of elected officials in the same unit (IC36-1-20.2)

Contracting with relatives of elected officials (IC 36-1-21), and

The obligation of counties, municipalities, and town ships ("units") to adopt anti-nepotism policies before their budgets can be approved by the Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") (IC 5-11-13-1.1)

John Hillis pointed out that this would be a class D felony and carry up to three years in prison.

Gene Powlen made a motion to adopt the Nepotism policy; the ordinance will be 2012-04 amending the county of Cass, Indiana personnel policies handbook, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT

Commissioner Dave Arnold announced the Building Superintendent Pat Hann had submitted his resignation and will be retiring. Pat's last day will be July 31st. Pat has worked for county government for over 30 years. He began as a reserve officer for the Sheriff's department and worked for the Highway Department, before serving as Building Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with the announcement of the retirement of Cecil Packard. Cecil had worked for the Sheriff's department for 18 years. Cecil began as a reserve officer for the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Pryor requested permission to fill the vacancy of Cecil Packard. This is a part-time position. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the request, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dave Arnold reported the National Association of Counties submitted their report with information concerning the prescription drug discount card program. Residents of Cass County over a period of five years have saved \$63,383.90 and over 2,866 residents have participated.

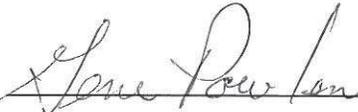
Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Arnold", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor