

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 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, Auditor Vaneen Ide, Attorney John Hillis was absent from the meeting, Attorney Brad Rozzi assumed the duties of County Attorney. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. The weather has remained mild; there were two snow events on the 13th and the 19th of January. Both produced around three inches. Because of the mild weather Highway crews have been able to work on patching holes, brush work and some pipe and tile work.

Heavy trucks continue to use county roads and the use is taking its toll on these roads. 200N, 150N and 100N between US 35 and 800E are showing increased wear and tear. Also 150E and 400S between US35 and SR29. Jeff is requesting that the Commissioners take some sort of action in regards to this issue. The Commissioners would like to have an ordinance that will address this situation. Attorney Brad Rozzi will draft an ordinance for the Commissioners to review.

Jeff Smith requested the signatures of the Commissioners on a document that will allow the County more funding for CR300S. The original plan for 300S called for completion in 142 calendar days, but the job actually took 244 calendar days to complete. There is federal money still allocated to the project which would cover the federal match on the additional costs, however, we must request INDOT to allocate this money to the purchase order for construction inspection. The Cass County Commissioners signed the request for Additional Inspection Funding Request. There is money available under the 300 S project for the match request.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly project update. Chase Road is scheduled to be closed to through traffic for approximately the next month while two box culverts are replaced. Two meetings have recently taken place with the Hoosier Heartland project manager in regards to concerns over the State Road 25 intersections at 300 S and 400 S. Extra signs were ordered

on the 10th of January and should arrive very soon. The project manager also assured me that he would contact INDOT about the issues of SR25 drivers not being able to see the turn off for CR 300 S.

Crews investigated a drainage complaint in the area of CR 350N and SR 25. It was determined after conversations with land owners and looking at maps that the problem lies either in the right of way or with private property owners. The problem was turned over to the Drainage Board.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report from the Health Department. During the month of January eleven days were dedicated to various vaccination clinics. A total of 284 patients were seen for vaccines with 677 immunizations given to patients.

The "Better Health for Cass County "committee is trying to start a tobacco prevention and cessation coalition for our county. Jan McKaig has attended a meeting at Four County Counseling Center with three other persons interested in forming this coalition.

Interviews have been conducted for a part time medical assistant and a part-time volunteer has been approved to assist at the Health Department. Dr. Bennett requested permission to begin the process of securing a part time summer intern for mosquito control. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time summer intern for mosquito control, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with his January report of activity.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	143
PRISONERS RELEASED	130
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1,959
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,558
OFFICER PATROL MILES	35,071
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	104
CITATIONS ISSUED	109
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	4
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	41
TOTAL COLLISIONS	78
PROPERTY DAMAGE COLLISIONS	60
PERSONAL INJURY COLLISIONS	18
TOTAL FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	123
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,618
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	924

Sheriff Pryor presented the paper work for the bids to be received for one new car. All bids received will be opened at the March 19th meeting of the Commissioners. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the bid sheet for advertisement as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Auditor will submit the bid sheet for advertisement. The Sheriff will have one car to be used as a trade, a 2005 Ford Crown Vic with 140,000 miles.

Sheriff Pryor announced to the Commissioners that he had received a letter from Deputy Steve Thompson in regards to his retirement. Steve's last day with the Sheriff's department will be March 7th. Jim Sailors told Sheriff Pryor he appreciates his hard work and the work that the Sheriff's department is doing.

CLERK

Leda Ulery and Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of the Clerk, with a request for an ordinance for fees for voter lists. The County Election Board members are recommending the following fees:

Complete County and City CD - \$50

Complete County and City Paper List - .20 cents per page

Per Precinct CD - \$15

Per Precinct Paper List - .20 cents per page

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the fee schedule, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

Toni Savini appeared before the Commissioners with a report of the activity of the Visitors Bureau. Toni presented to the Commissioners the expenditures of the Visitor's Bureau and how the money from the Innkeeper Tax is being spent in Cass County.

APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

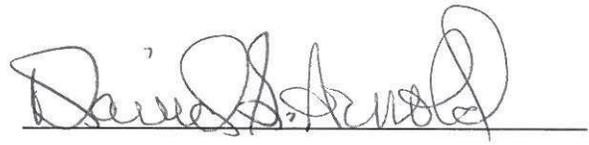
The board from Cass County Farm Bureau was present. Dave Arnold asked that they each please stand and introduce themselves.

Ed Lucy, Carl Sell, Richard Crimmins, Stephen Plank, Dave Forgey, Richard Wagnor, Jeff LeDonne, Connie Purvis, Steve Sullivan, Peg Sullivan, Curt Wilson, Jeff Berlett, Conrad Funk and Mark Green. Dave thanked them for coming to the meeting.

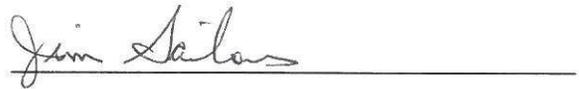
Scott Rogers who resides at 6298 N CR 600W, Royal Center addressed the Commissioners with a concern in regards to Memorial Hospital Ambulance service. Mr. Rogers was informed by the

Commissioners that they were in the process of negotiating just the billing for the ambulance service by an outside source. This would have no affect on the current ambulance staff.

There were no further 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