

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney Brad Rozzi and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Attorney John Hillis 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 submitted, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report for November.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	133
PRISONERS RELEASED	129
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,847
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	10,141
OFFICER PATROL MILES	27,404
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	143
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	117
OWI ARRESTS	7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	40
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	62
PROPERTY DAMAGE	58
PERSONAL INJURY	4
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	70
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,561

Sheriff Pryor also requested the Commissioners grant FMLA for one of the jail employees for 30 days. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request for FMLA for a jail employee for 30 days, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor also requested permission to fill a full time deputy position. He has already met with the merit board in regards to this issue. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the hiring of a full time deputy, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Elli Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Maintenance is busy preparing for winter. The elevators were certified and licensed for another year. All of the fire alarm systems have been checked, including the testing of each individual smoke or heat detector, every pull station and actual audio alarm. The maintenance staff has put into place recycling containers for plastic and aluminum cans. Later this program may expand to include other buildings.

Eli and Ray Eber have been working with R.W. Armstrong in regards to the county owned property being ADA compliant. This will be a long process and after the review a plan will be put into place to become compliant.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Kevin Enyeart appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill two positions in the Prosecutor's office. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the hiring of two full time prosecutors, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **TREASURER**

No one appeared.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire a full time case worker. Dave met with the personnel committee in regards to the full time case worker position. A salary range between \$26,000 to \$30,000 was set depending on qualifications. Gene Powlen made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Council, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Lynda Kennedy appeared before the Commissioners with a presentation for a new grant. After the presentation the Commissioners asked questions which were answered. Dave Arnold made a motion to not approve the grant, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **E-911**

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners requesting to fill two full time positions in the E-911 department. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the two full time positions, Gene Powlen seconded.

## **HIGHWAY BIDS**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners requesting that they accept all bids as presented. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept all bids as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ECONOMIC CEDS RESOLUTION**

Connie Neininger appeared before the Commissioners and gave them a brief outline of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This is will be a five year plan. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the CEDS resolution, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Connie told the Commissioners that she would like to appear monthly with a report. The Commissioners told Connie they would like that very much and appreciate her efforts and hard work since beginning her new position with LEDF.

## **SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE**

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with an ordinance for snowmobile use in France Park. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the ordinance, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PLANNING**

Arin Shaver appeared before the Commissioners with a request for FMLA for herself. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the FMLA request, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

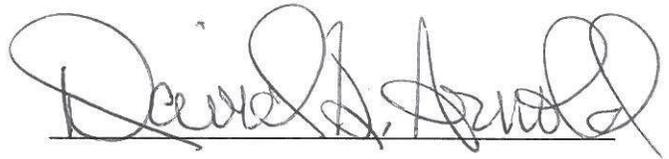
The Cass County Commissioners are extending the Public Defender Contract for an additional year. A study group is being formed to look into what is required of the Public Defenders to receive reimbursement from the State of Indiana. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the contract for an additional year, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried with two votes, Jim Sailors abstained, due to a conflict.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Bob Boehme appeared before the Commissioners; Bob is the President of France Park campers. Bob reported that since the change in management the atmosphere at the park has greatly improved. Gene Powlen took this opportunity to thank both Dave and Jim for an enjoyable time serving with them, and the citizens of Cass County.

Dave Arnold expressed his thanks to Gene for his help and support during his term as a Commissioner. Gene has served as Sheriff, Coroner and as a Commissioner for three terms. Dave also reported that since 2010 the prescription cards have saved the people participating \$67,767.00.

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