

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APRIL 16, 2012**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 6:00 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, followed by a moment of silence.

### **MINUTES**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

### **PROSECUTOR**

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners with a request to have three summer interns. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the interns, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lisa also requested a transfer of an employee. The Prosecutor's office would like to transfer Wendy Reynolds who now works in the Clerk's office part-time to their office. This would be a full time position beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> of 2012. The discussion of the starting salary took place. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the hiring of Wendy Reynolds for the Prosecutor's office, but the salary is yet to be determined, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SUPERIOR II COURT**

Judge Rick Maughmer is seeking an additional of \$20,000.00 for payroll. The Judge will use these additional funds to staff his office and help with staffing the Clerk's office with part-time help. Jim Sailors made a motion to not give a recommendation to the Council at this time, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ASSESSOR**

Cathy Isaacs appeared before the Commissioners with the recommendation that the low bid from Ad Valorem be accepted. There were two bids; the amounts were Ad Valorem -\$751,150.00 and Tyler Tech- \$844,500.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the acceptance of the lowest bid from Ad Valorem, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HIGHWAY BIDS**

The Cass County Highway Department received three bids, one for a dump truck and two for truck beds. Attorney John Hillis opened the bids from the following companies.

**W.A. Jones**

Truck Bodies & Equipment  
1171 S. Williams Street  
Columbia City, IN 46725  
Truck Bed ---- \$19,895.00

**Northern Equipment Co.,INC.**

16465 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
Plymouth, IN 46563  
Truck Bed ----\$18,505.00  
Plus add on - \$1,159.00  
Plus add on - \$7,470.00

**Wiers International Trucks**

2111 Jim Neu Drive  
Plymouth, IN 46563  
2013 Dump Truck ---- \$74,995.00

Dave Arnold made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The bids will be awarded at the May 7th meeting at 1:00 P.M. in the Commissioner Hearing Room.

**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

David Ameen from Logansport Memorial Hospital appeared before the Commissioners with the financial report for the hospital. Mr. Ameen gave a very favorable report. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Ameen for his time and report.

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

John Hettinger from the Park Department appeared before the Commissioners. John requested FMLA for an employee of the Park. There was discussion between the Commissioners and John and a decision was made that a leave of absence would be better for the employee. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve four weeks leave without pay for the Park employee, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

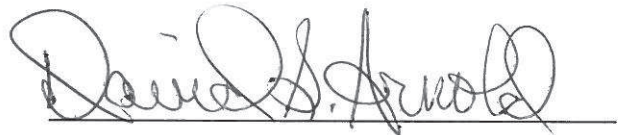
Pat Hann, Building supervisor appeared before the Commissioners. Pat's request was to have cell phones declared surplus and donated to the Domestic Violence Task Force. A total of 22 phones will be declared surplus:

- 4 – Blackberries
- 12 – Sony Ericsson
- 6 – Samsung

Jim Sailors made a motion to declare the phones surplus, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

There were no public comments. Dave Arnold noted that this was the first evening meeting that two members of the general public appeared. Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor