

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 2, 2012

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Jim Sailors, Dave Arnold, 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, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented; there was a question in regards to a claim for the Health Department. The claim was for \$2,013.39, check number 024129. The Commissioners would like an explanation of the expense. Jim Sailors withdrew his original motion and Jim Sailors made a motion to approve all claims and payroll as presented except for check number 024129 in the amount of \$2,013.39, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lynda Kennedy introduced the student intern working at the Health Department. Nathan Emery is a student at Logansport High School. Nathan spoke to the Commissioners and told them what he has learned while interning at the Health Department. Nathan has learned a lot about health care and working in a clinical setting. Nathan told the Commissioners that working with the nurses have shown him that there is more to being a nurse than just giving shots, there is a lot of documentation that goes along with the job. Nathan plans on attending Ball State and continuing in the nursing field, perhaps the field of pediatric nursing.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Staff members have been preparing for spring and summer work. Winter equipment is being removed and stored. Other equipment like mowers, sweepers, grinders and graders are being prepared for service. Training sessions continue at the CCHD, four sessions have been completed so far. Training topics have included chain saw safety, snow plowing safety, equipment inspections and a presentation from Downey Insurance on slip, trip and fall prevention. Ray Eber is handling the coordination of the training.

All total patcher machines were put into service during the first week of March. Bids have been advertised for a new dump truck. Bids will be opened at the April 16th meeting and bids awarded at the

May 7th meeting. The CCHD would like to thank Brian Weaver for his service to the department. Mr. Weaver has accepted a position elsewhere and resigned in mid March.

Jeff requested permission to hire a new truck driver to replace Mr. Weaver's vacant position. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the replacement of a truck driver, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Eber appeared with his report of upcoming projects for the CCHD. Construction continues on the Chase Road project. There will be an information /education session at the 4-H Fairgrounds in May as to how to navigate a roundabout. The east side of the intersection at 400S and SR25 will be closed for up to two weeks in mid-April. CCHD plans to replace a culvert structure on CR 200 S between the railroad crossing and CR 275 W. This work is tentatively scheduled to be done in April.

SHERIFF

Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners. The report that the Sheriff normally presents was not ready at this time. The Merit Board has met and candidates have been selected for the Deputy Position. The Sheriff informed the Commissioners that a Dodge was selected as the vehicle of choice at a price of \$22,854.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly I.T. report. New computers have been rolled out for the sheriff's department/jail and the 911 office. The Assessor's office machines were all upgraded to use two monitors. This will allow them to work more efficiently in Proval and 39 Degrees North. Dusty worked with the Planning Department and Dispatch and combined their map layers onto one shared server so that they can now see each other's updated data.

39Degrees North had their user conference on March 22nd in the Sheriff's training room. Those who attended got to see new features and the chance to ask questions about the features they already had. The contract with OCE for our copy machines will come to an end in July of 2013. The I.T. Department is looking into new copiers and is trying out different ones in the different offices.

Cj requested permission to declare some computers as surplus property. The machines will all be prepped for sale by wiping the hard drive clean and reinstalling the Microsoft Windows operating system that came with the machines. After this is completed SRI will be contacted and the computers will be sold. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the computers as surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSOR

Bids were presented for review for reassessment. Attorney John Hillis opened the bids. Bids were received from:

Ad Valorem
506 E. North Street
Kokomo, IN 46901

Tyler Tech
1 Courthouse Square, Rm 301A
Jasper, IN 47546

Bid Amount \$751,150.00

Bid Amount \$844,500

Gene Powlen made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

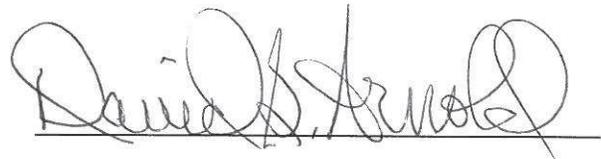
CLERK

Beth Liming appeared to request permission to hire a deputy clerk to fill a vacancy. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the hiring, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold stated starting pay for deputy position is \$19,500.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Rick Schroder, who resides at 1490 N. ST.RD. 25, Logansport, appeared before the Commissioners with concerns with the Fire District 1 and the request for an emergency loan.

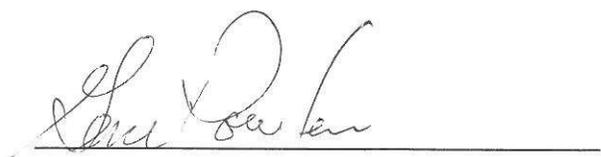
Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor