

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The Cass County Commissioners met September 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Attorney John Hillis, Auditor 1st Deputy Michelle Crain, absent was Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold requested that the agenda be amended adding the following item:

XVII Cass County Regional Water/Sewer District- ICE Miller

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Ralph Anderson 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, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach presented his monthly report to the Commissioners. The park hosted the DINO triathlon and also the DINO XTERRA mountain bike race August 10th and 11th. Even with the AMA race taking place 2 weeks prior we were able, with little effort, get the trails for the DINO race in extremely good condition. There were roughly 70 triathlon participants and over 220 mountain bikers on Sunday. It was a great weekend; there was a 20% increase in participants from last year.

The park received a donation of 1.3 million dollars in the form of dyed mulch at the park. The donation was from North Central Pallet Company of Argos, IN. The month of August wrapped up with Labor Day weekend. Every electrical site and 90% of the primitive tent camping sites were filled.

Three new events will be at the park, the Qudoba 5K run and a 15K run as well as a Zombie Halloween 5K trail/obstacle run. The park will be teaming up with the creators of Sleepy Hollow to create a much scarier hayride. It will be followed with bonfires on the beach and making smores.

Jim Sailors informed Lucas that everyone he has spoken with has told him how helpful and polite the park workers and volunteers are at the park. Ralph Anderson inquired about the status of the communication tower. Lucas thought that the tower would be in place within the next 12 days.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bob Vernon appeared before the Commissioners and gave them an update of the Health Department. The nurses held 8 routine clinics and saw a total of 73 patients and 194 vaccinations were given. Kim Hendrix is back as a part time receptionist. Jan McKaig is talking with the schools and setting up times to go to local schools for health education. Laura Hill has been very busy with coordinating other agencies, schools and medical groups. Her duties are to coordinate with these entities in case of a natural or manmade catastrophe.

Bob Vernon requested permission to hire an environmentalist. John Weidner has left the position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to grant the request to hire an environmentalist, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with updates from the CCHD. Chip and seal for 2013 is complete. This year's chip and seal program covered 53 actual seal miles of roadway and 37 centerline miles. Pug mix application begins this week and hot mix is planned within the next two months, pending approval of the Council of a budget transfer.

County Road 275 West re-opened on August 19th. The project is in the final closeout stage. A two week delay on the Cliff Drive Culvert replacement project occurred, when limestone was hit at an elevation which was shallower than the plans portrayed. Rock excavation will be necessary to install the culvert at the proper elevation. There will be additional cost to this project.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with information on upcoming projects. A concrete box culvert was replaced on 450 S just east of 200 E. Scheduled is the replacement of a box culvert on county road 375 E and 200 S. Bridge #24 (Indiana Creek Road) the bid for this project was approved at the August 5th Commissioner's meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week in October. A culver replacement on Delaware road is being planned. A single flat bottom pipe will be the appropriate replacement structure. CCHD will also dredge a portion of the ditch on the outlet side of the pipe. This project involves a neighborhood dispute, and we will request a means to prohibit fences or other water obstructing devices from being placed on county bridge or culvert structures.

Jeff presented the Commissioners with an amendment to Title VII, Chapter 71, Schedule IV section (7) of the Cass County Code. A yield sign will be changed to a stop sign. Eastbound CR 1250 S. stops for CR 1000 E. Jim Sailors made a motion to amend Title VII, Chapter 71, Schedule IV section(7) of the Cass County Code, changing a yield sign to a stop sign, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will be Ordinance 2013-9.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the I.T. Department update. The month started with finishing the new copier installations. All of the old machines are still in the garage. All of the hard drives of these machines have been cleaned. Community Corrections moved all of their offices around which required us to spend a full day in that office. All of their phones and computers were moved to the appropriate places and made functional before leaving that day.

The I.T. department is now ready to move all of the fax lines from the court house over to PRI. I.T. will have those 13 lines being ported over on the 4th of September at noon so we have minimal disruption. This past month 18 phone lines were disconnected. These lines were never located and have been done away with, no one has missed them.

I.T. worked with Cathy Isaacs, Presort, and Proval this past month to get Form 11's out to property owners. After the data was in the format needed we did a mail merge and started printing the forms. As of Wednesday the 28th they are almost done printing and should be picked up to be sorted by the end of the day.

CLERK

Clerk Beth Liming introduced Bailey Kelley to the Commissioners. Bailey is working in the Clerk's office as an intern through Logansport High School.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the School Safety Ordinance. The Commissioners reviewed the Ordinance and recommended the following change under section 3; the number of board members not to exceed 15. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the Ordinance Creating the Cass County School Safety Commission with the change in section 3 concerning the number of board members, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER

Kathy Adair appeared before the Commissioners to receive approval of a contract with GovTech Services, Inc. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the contract, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

An ordinance amending ordinance 2012-03 was reviewed by the Commissioners. This ordinance establishes an ordinance violations bureau. The Health Department is no longer included in this ordinance. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will be Ordinance 2013-11.

VACATE ALLEY

Melvin Thompson appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the vacation of an alley in Anoka. Mr. Thompson presented his paperwork. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the vacation of the alley pending attorney John Hillis, completing a written ordinance, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER/SEWER DISTRICT

Ms. Lisa Lee of ICEMILLER presented an agreement to the Commissioners in regards to the Clymers area and Utility Revenue Bonds. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the agreement with Lisa Lee and ICEMILLER, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT

Ken Berry was appointed on August 5th to the Walton Library Board; Mr. Berry will not be able to fill that position. Dave Arnold recommended Matt Benner to fill that vacancy. Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Matt Benner to the Walton Library Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

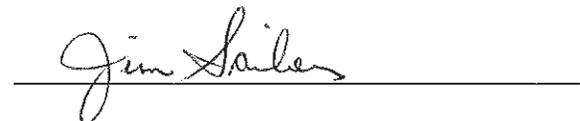
Ms. Doranne Heimlich who resides at 851 Walnut Ridge East, appeared before the Commissioners. Ms. Heimlich expressed her concern to the Commissioners in regards to the Pyrolyzer facility that may be established in Logansport. The Commissioners thanked her for her concern.

Mr. Kenneth Reese, who resides at 3022 Delaware Road, appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the culvert the CCHD is considering for installation. Mr. Reese invited the Commissioners to his property. The Commissioners will take Mr. Reese's comments under advisement.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor



Ralph Anderson, Member