

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

The Cass County Commissioners met Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold requested that the agenda be amended and added the following items, E-911 as item ten and Appointment as item eleven. Ralph Anderson made a motion to add the following to the agenda item ten E-911 and item eleven Appointments, 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.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners. Sheriff Pryor did not go over the October figures as usual, although the following report was contained in the Commissioners information:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	129
PRISONERS RELEASED	131
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,078
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,605
OFFICER PATROL MILES	30,054
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	85
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	96
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	4
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	31
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	64
PROPERTY DAMAGE	54
PERSONAL INJURY	10
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	71
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,782
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	751

Sheriff Pryor reported to the Commissioners that in the next few months the jail will have a new command center. Current jail radios have been replaced. New radios were purchased with non-reverting jail funds. Sheriff Pryor has been working with Richard Gundrum, Building Superintendent, to add additional cameras in the hallway used to transport prisoners from the jail to the Courts. The cameras will cover blind spots in the hallway.

Sheriff Pryor requested permission from the Commissioners to replace two part-time Correction Officers. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve two part-time Correction Officers, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. The rollout of new computers is continuing and going well. Dusty and Eli have spent a lot of time on this project. Richard Gundrum, Building Superintendent, and I.T are trying to develop a plan for rekeying the government building. Meetings with vendors continue. Indigital came and demonstrated a new 911 system. Indigital would like Cass County to be a pilot county for the system. The Health Department has requested security cameras be installed in their office. A small camera/DVR system was purchased and installed. I.T. continues to work on lowering the County's phone bill and thinks it will fall somewhere between 25,000.00 and 30,000.00 for the coming year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and informed them of the current activities within the county. Christy has made numerous visits to companies and industries within Cass County. There are five projects on the horizon. Unfortunately Cass County lost a project; there was no available building within the County to fulfill its needs. Christy presented the new declaratory resolution to Council for ERA at their last meeting held November 15th.

MAINTENANCE

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Restoration to the clock tower is being addressed. Richard has been working with Ameresco in regards to the heating and cooling within the government building. The garage roof has been cleaned and the drains flushed. Cj Gilsinger, Phil Loos and Richard have met with a security specialist and discussed the key and lock situation at the court house. Work has been done at the Jail that includes a freezer, metal roof, rubber roof and glass that needs to be replaced. Additional areas that need repairs are Work Release, Health Department, Memorial Home and the Family Opportunity Center. Richard continues to work with Ray Eber on the County ADA compliance.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Todd Weinstein appeared before the Commissioners with a report on Memorial Hospital. The hospital is striving to serve Cass County with quality care. Revenues are down, but the hospital will continue to upgrade equipment to serve the community. Dr. Weinstein also informed the Commissioners that Memorial Hospital is working with other hospitals across the country with rural health care.

EMA

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners in regards to bids for a new vehicle. Alvin also gave the Commissioners an update to storm damage received in Cass County as a result of strong straight line winds and two confirmed tornados. The bid for a new EMA vehicle was awarded to Fletcher Chrysler. The vehicle is a 2014 Ram1500 Crew Cab 4x4 SSV in the amount of \$22,870.00. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the bid for the 2014 Ram1500 Crew Cab 4x4 SSV in the amount of \$22,870.00, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alvin informed the Commissioners that 19 people from around the State attended the debris management class hosted at IVY Tech. Without a plan in place the county would not be eligible for reimbursement for natural disasters. The two warning sirens that had been repaired functioned during the storm. Two additional sirens did not and will need attention.

E-911

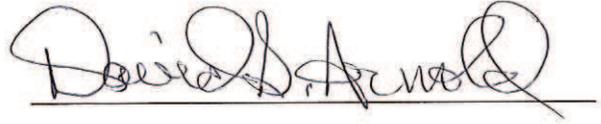
Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a full time position. Dan received two letters of resignation. This leaves three full time openings. Dan is requesting to fill two full time positions and one part time position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the two vacant full time positions and the one part time position, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners also told Dan that if the two full time employees do not make it through the ninety day probationary period, Dan does not have to come before the Commissioners to request the positions be filled.

APPOINTMENT

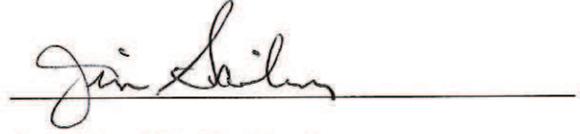
Dave Arnold made a motion to re-appoint Arin Shaver to the Wabash River Heritage Board, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

There were no public comments. Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



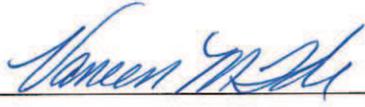
Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Ralph Anderson, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor