

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Cass County Commissioners met July 15 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 to add E-911 as item XI and Work Release as item XII. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include E-911 and Work Release, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold then 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

Sheriff Pryor presented his monthly report for June to the Commissioners.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	127
PRISONERS RELEASED	159
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,799
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	10,789
OFFICER PATROL MILES	29,282
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	179
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	254
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	14
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	35
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	58
PROPERTY DAMAGE	48
PERSONAL INJURY	10
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	113
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,542
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	601

Sheriff Pryor also requested permission to replace a full time Corrections Officer at the jail. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the replacement of a full time Corrections Officer at the jail, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE

Eli Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly maintenance report. All the new parts have been installed in the chiller unit at the court house. This included a new condenser fan motor, blade and motor bracket. Other control panels in the unit have also been replaced, along with a new intake water temperature sensor. A water control motor on the second floor air handler was replaced. Additional return vents in the Commissioner office area and meeting room will be installed. This should allow the second floor to have a more consistent temperature across the whole second floor.

The Annex building area had some electrical issues wrapped up this past weekend. There was extensive planning to complete this plan. The power had to be cut to the whole Annex building and this included E-911. A big thanks to all that helped complete this task, LMU and outside contractors and out own department. Dave Arnold thanked Eli Smith, Cj Gilsinger and Dave Wegner for the smooth transition with the power.

EMA

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners with a report of EMA. Alvin presented the Commissioners with the EMA Performance Grant for signatures. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the EMA Performance Grant, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Alvin presented a report to the Commissioners. Alvin outlined some of the issues in the report: Grants, Warning Sirens, Citizen Corp Council/Neighborhood Watch, County Emergency Management Plan, Emergency Operations Center, Everbridge Early Notification System and Public/Private Partnerships. Dave Arnold asked Alvin if all sirens were working in the townships. Alvin responded yes, all but Bethlehem.

PLANNING

Arin Shaver presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance dealing with building codes. This ordinance must be in place in order for the building inspector to function per State approval. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Ordinance for the building codes, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will be Ordinance 2013-08.

Arin also presented a Resolution for the Commissioners to review. This would allow the TIF district in the Clymer's area to expand. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the expansion of the TIF district in the Clymer's area, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will be Resolution 2013-03.

CLEDO

John Hipskin appeared before the Commissioners. He did not have a formal report. John informed the Commissioners that there is a lot of activity in the county.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a full time dispatcher position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the filling of a full time dispatcher position, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dan wanted to publically thank Eli Smith, Cj Gilsinger and Alvin Beckman for making the electrical transition at E-911 go so smoothly.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill the case manager position that was budgeted for 2013. Dave also requested full time Corrections Officer and an additional field officer. A motion was made and then withdrawn. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the request for the case manager and corrections officer and part time field officer, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REGION IV

Roger Feldhause appeared before the Commissioners with the Region IV presentation. Board member Arden Cramer and former board member John Hipskin were present. Roger introduced Debra Sheets, who in turn introduced former student Dan Hipsher. Dan addressed the Commissioners and praised Region IV for their support in his school endeavor. Dan was a former tool and die maker for 25 years. Dan chose a new career in nursing and has graduated and is currently working at IU Health Arnett in Lafayette as an RN.

VACATE ALLEY

Mr. Gerald Williams appeared before the Commissioners in regards to an alley at 811 Bates Street, he wished to have vacated. The property actually was within the City and the Commissioners informed Mr. Williams he should start with the planning department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

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



Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Ralph Anderson, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor