

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

MAY 6, 2013

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold 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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lynda Kennedy appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report of the Health Department. The month of April seven routine vaccination clinics were held. A total of 172 patients were seen with 427 vaccinations given. There has been an increase of soil reports and applications for on-site sewage systems. Cory Wolford attended and completed the training and exam for Category 8 Community Wide Mosquito Control Management. Cory has recently received his Pesticide Applicator's License from the Indiana State Chemist Office.

Jan McKaig did an anti-chewing tobacco presentation to the 10th grade Health classes at Lewis Cass High School. She also conducted an anti-smoking presentation at Lincoln Middle School for the 6th grade Health class. She took inflatable pig lungs, which continue to draw a lot of attention.

A new Registrar was hired; Juana Aho joins the Health Department staff. Interviews will be conducted on May 10th for an Environmental Health Specialist.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES

The March 4th minutes were incorrect as to the bid amount accepted for the Highway Department. The minutes stated the bid was for \$56,000.00, that amount was incorrect and should have been for \$56,500.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for the Highway Department. Jeff was happy to report that the General Assembly passed a budget bill that increases funding to local agencies for road maintenance and repair. Cass County is estimated to receive an additional \$667,000.00 per year in revenue to the MVH fund. An increase should appear with the August 2013 payment from the State. The county wide sign replacement project is complete.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with his update. CCHD is preparing for a number of small culvert structure replacements around the county. The structure on Delaware Road appears to be undersized and has been a continuing problem during high water events. A small project for ADA compliance is scheduled to begin later this month at Davis Road and Windingbrook Trail.

Bids for the Cliff Drive culvert project will be opened today. We anticipate this being constructed this summer in the June through August time frame. This project will result in Cliff Drive being closed just west of Cicott Street during construction.

CHASE ROAD

Trent Newport from Crossroad Engineering appeared before the Commissioners with his comments on the roundabout project. Trent commented on the successes and challenges the project. Trent thought it was great to be involved in a project close to home, Trent and his wife both grew up in Cass County. Trent hopes that Crossroad can serve Cass County again in the future. Mr. Arnold thanked Trent for the way he kept the Commissioners and the Highway Department informed of the progress of the project.

AWARD BIDS

Jeff Smith recommended the bid be awarded for the tractor/mower model T5040 2012 New Holland in the amount of \$78,926.00. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the bid for the tractor/mower model T5040 2012 New Holland, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith recommended the bid for the work truck be awarded to the low bidder, Mike Anderson for a 2013 GMC Sierra in the amount of \$23,921.00. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the bid for the work truck, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for bids for the 275 W. project. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the bid process, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN BIDS EE-001 CLIFF DRIVE CULVERT

The following bids were opened by Attorney John Hillis:

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.

3425 O'Farrel Road

Lafayette, IN 47905

Bid \$358,760.00

LaPorte Construction Co., Inc.

P.O. Box 577

LaPorte, In 46352

Bid \$280,250.00

Deichman Excavating Co., INC.

P.O. Box 12

Logansport, IN 46947

Bid \$184,900.00

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

I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the I.T. monthly report. The rollout of new computers has begun. The payphones have been removed from the courthouse and jail. The internet tower project at France Park had advanced. Lucas has found a tower and has purchased it. He is now working on getting the tower there and installed. When this project is complete the park office as well as campers will have Wi-Fi access. Comcast contacted Cj in regards to the availability of fiber internet service and possibly leasing fiber between courthouse, family op and the highway garage.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners. Lucas informed the Commissioners that the park had a 7 year inspection with IDEM. There were no major issues and only a couple of minor issues that were fixed that day. The park is currently in the process of completing our water tests for the park and should have results back with no issues. Lucas has spent time with Tim Eizinger who is a State Forester. Tim visited the park and other properties owned by the county. Lucas will be working with the forest management to create a 5 year plan for France Park and a 3 year plan for the property east of the fair grounds.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Terry Haney appeared for Dave Wegner. The Commissioners will approve the grant application with attorney John Hillis's approval. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the grant application upon attorney approval, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR

Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners with a request to have an intern for the summer. Steve Kitts will spend the summer working in the Prosecutors office, Steve is a second year student at I.U. Indianapolis. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the intern position for the summer, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER

Kathy Adair appeared before the Commissioners for approval of a contract and to replace a part-time worker. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve both requests, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAXIMUS

Vaneen Ide appeared before the Commissioners for approval for a contract with MAXIMUS. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4-H LEASE

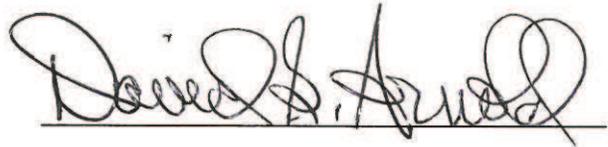
Attorney John Hillis appeared before the Commissioners and submitted to them a lease agreement between Cass County Government and the Cass County 4-H Association. This will be a 50 year lease ending in the year 2063. The Commissioners requested a small change be added to the lease agreement. The provision would be that Cass County Government would be allowed reasonable request for use of the grounds. The lease will be presented to the Cass County Council for approval at the May 17th meeting. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the lease with the addition of the reasonable request for use of the grounds, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IDEM

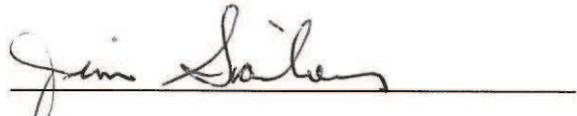
Mike Aylesworth appeared before the Commissioners. Mike does the outreach for IDEM for counties. Mike asked if there were any questions or concerns from the Commissioners. There were none. Two representatives from INDOT were also with Mike, Jennifer Alander and Jim Pinkerton. Jim asked the Commissioners if they had any questions for INDOT. There were none, Jim passed out new road maps with the new Hoosier Heartland on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

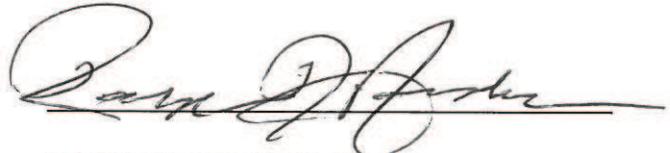
There were no public comments. Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Dave Arnold, President

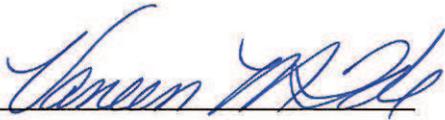


Jim Sailors, Vice President



Ralph Anderson, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor