

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 7, 2013**

The Cass County Commissioners met October 7 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 minutes as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Bob Vernon appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department's monthly report. The nursing department held eight routine clinics, a total of 185 patients were seen and a total of 405 vaccinations were given. Vital records department has been busy issuing 103 birth certificates, 149 death certificates, 5 searches, 1 paternity affidavit and 25 free birth certificates for each new birth in Cass County to those that were eligible. Environmental Health Specialist/Food Protection has remained busy. All issues, permits and inspections are still being prioritized in order of urgency. Interviews for the Environmental Health Specialist position are being conducted. Twenty resumes have been submitted.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the CCHD report. Pug mix was applied in September to 3.1 miles of roadway. Plans are in place for approximately 2.5 miles of hot mix asphalt to be applied later this month. The first phase of pavement striping has been completed. New paint or thermoplastic will be applied to 11.6 miles of roadway as a part of this year's restriping work. CCHD has agreed to transfer one of our surplus dump trucks to France Park for their inventory. The 1996 Ford was declared surplus earlier this year. A newer truck is being sought for the CCHD. One vehicle will replace two that are past their prime. This vehicle will serve as a tow truck and a service truck. The price for the vehicle is 18,995.

Ray Eber appeared and informed the Commissioners of upcoming projects. The Indian Creek Road culvert replacement is scheduled to begin October 7<sup>th</sup>. CCHD is replacing an existing concrete box culvert located on 200S just east of 175W with an aluminum box culvert. Another existing concrete box culvert on 375E between 450S and 500S is also being replaced.

Jeff Smith requested permission to purchase the replacement vehicle for the Highway Department. Bids were advertised and only one was received for the amount of \$18,995 for a used 2006. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of the used 2006 vehicle in the amount of \$18,995, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith also requested permission to replace a truck driver at the CCHD, one has given his notice. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the replacement of a truck driver at the CCHD, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **I.T.**

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly I.T. report. An analog phone jack was activated in the Commissioner's Hearing Room and this allowed a new Polycom conference phone to be used in the Commissioner's Hearing Room. A meeting with 39 Degrees took place addressing concerns. 39 Degrees is working very hard to address the concerns of the various offices involved. The tower is up at France Park and campers now have wi-fi access. Additional work will continue for the park office computer. Research is being conducted to find a company that can provide an alternative to employees carrying keys for all of the County's buildings.

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with a report of the Parks activities. Lucas was pleased to inform the Commissioners that the park has had an overall increase in fees for the year. The profit from the zipline that was installed in June was \$14,490. The Park participated in the United Work Day and was able to get one of the playgrounds installed completely with proper fall protection required by the State. Upcoming events are DINO trail run October 12, fishing tournament on October 19 and Zombie 5k trail run on October 26. The Park will also be hosting the Sleepy Hollow Halloween Hay Ride for two weekends the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

Lucas presented the Commissioners with a set of plans for a new washroom/bathhouse at the beach. Lucas requested permission to seek estimates for the building. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow the Park to seek estimates for the washroom/bathhouse, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **WORK RELEASE**

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners and gave the yearly report of the Work Release Department. The report covers the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Dave also requested permission to replace two part-time employees. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the replacement of two part-time employees, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners requesting permission to declare the restraint chair at the jail surplus property. A new and better chair has been purchased for use at the jail.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare the restraint chair surplus property, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The recommendation of the Commissioners is that the County needs to hire an economic development director for Cass County. Ralph Anderson made a motion to hire an economic development director, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EEL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

The Eel Township Trustee and its employees are requesting of the Commissioners to be a part of their Health Insurance plan. The Eel Township and its employees would be responsible for all insurance premiums. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow Eel Township Trustee and its employees to be a part of Cass County's Health Insurance, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 11-02**

Dave Arnold made a motion to rescind resolution 11-02, adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September of 2011, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Cass County Commissioners recommended Richard Gundrum for the appointment of Building Superintendent for the Government Building. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Gundrum as Building Superintendent of the Government Building, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold recommended Andrew Achey for appointment to the Four County Board. Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Andrew Achey to the Four County Board, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

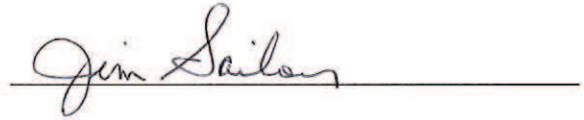
Kenneth Reese, who resides at 3022 Delaware Road, appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the culvert that is on his property. Mr. Reese once again expressed his concerns in regards to the culvert. Mr. Arnold informed Mr. Reese that if he continues to have issues with the culvert and the County he will need to file a case in one of the Courts. Mr. Sailors informed Mr. Reese that the Commissioner's would not address this again.

Steve Richcreek, who resides at 144 E. Clinton Street, appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the heavy truck traffic on Clinton Street. Mr. Sailors informed Mr. Richcreek that this is the City of Logansport's jurisdiction and he should talk with the Street Commissioner or the City Council.

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

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Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President

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Ralph Anderson, Member

ATTEST: 

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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor