

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 10, 2014**

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 requested that the agenda be amended to include appointments as item number ten. Ralph Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda to include appointments as item number ten, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Jim Sailors as President of the Cass County Commissioners, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Ralph Anderson Vice President, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Newly elected President Jim Sailors continued the meeting.

MINUTES

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the correction to the spelling of appointee Kathy Patty's name. The "h" was omitted, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Auditor will correct before posting the minutes.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tom Clear appeared before the Commissioners, filling in for administrator Bob Vernon. The nurses saw 111 patients and 313 vaccinations were given. Vital records issued 75 birth certificates, 12 of which were free, 144 death certificates, 3 searches were conducted and one Paternity Affidavit was issued. The Environmental Health Specialist/Food Protection inspected 24 retail establishments, while conducting 7 follow up inspections. Five environmental complaints have been investigated. Tom Clear has taken on the role as intern Preparedness coordinator.

I.T. DEPARTMENT

CJ Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly I.T. report. A new Work release camera system was installed. Changes needed to be made to keep current with PREA regulations. Companies were contacted regarding a form of communication with the fire system in the County Building. I.T. has completed the process of expanding storage space on our SAN, so our virtual environment will see increased performance. The Highway Department had their radar traffic counters upgraded to Bluetooth connectivity and then purchased a laptop to connect to it. This will replace the old hand held unit that used to have to be wired directly to the device out in the field in order to collect any data. They will now be able to bring a laptop to the site where the traffic counter is installed and connect to it wirelessly, therefore keeping the worker in a safer location while the data is read.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the CCHD monthly report. The first winter storm costs have been calculated for the snow that hit December 14th and December 19th. The sum is \$30,500.00. Overtime \$7,034.00, Brine \$1334.00, Sand/salt mix \$9,900.00 and Fuel \$12,284.00.

The salt brine has been performing well, especially for light dustings of snow. Pre-treated roads have melted to bare pavement with no additional treatment in these light snow events. This has saved overtime in a few instances where personnel did not have to be called in to treat the major thoroughfares.

Ray Eber appeared and gave an update of the CCHD projects. The Delaware Road culvert job was actually started in December; CCHD contracted a hydraulic study earlier in the year, where adequate pipe size was determined. Upon working at the site, the true dimensions of the existing pipes were revealed and it was found that the existing two pipes in place already exceed the recommended size. The current pipe capacity at the Delaware Road site exceeds the 50 year flood event.

CCHD is currently putting together a list of projects to be worked on in 2014; pipe and culvert replacements and one slip line project in the northern part of the county. The ADA work continues, the CCHD will be replacing some sidewalks in Young America. This will be done in sections or phases.

Ralph Anderson thanked the CCHD for their hard work through this last snow storm.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with the Park report for December. A new primitive cabin is now available for renting. It is a one room cabin set back in a primitive setting along the main beach road overlooking the dry quarry. It has a full size bed and a set of bunk beds. It will allow families who desire the primitive camping without having to worry about bringing a tent.

New brochures have been created for the 2014 year with a whole new layout, including our new activities that we offer. The Park has ordered 10,000 and they will be free of charge thanks to the local businesses of Logansport. The Park has created a new pricing for the 2014 season. Dave Arnold made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Cass County Council for the new Park price schedule, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lucas requested permission to hire two new part-time employees. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the hiring of two new part-time employees, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder was not available for the meeting. Jim Sailors gave a brief update. Christy has visited over 40 businesses within Cass County.

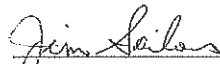
APPOINTMENTS

Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Jack Cain to the County Redevelopment Commission, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jack's position on the County Redevelopment Commission is a non-voting position.

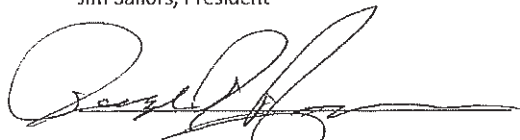
Jim Sailors made a motion to appoint Dave Arnold to the Northcentral Indiana Economic Development Regional Planning, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

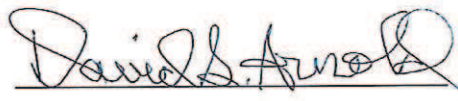
There were no public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Dave Arnold, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor