

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Ralph Anderson, Dave Arnold, Attorney Brad Rozzi and Auditor First Deputy Michelle Crain, absent were Commissioner Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

**MINUTES**

Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	101
PRISONERS RELEASED	129
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1,070
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,983
OFFICER PATROL MILES	27,733
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	50
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	63
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	31
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	76
PROPERTY DAMAGE	61
PERSONAL INJURY	15
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	96.5
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,293
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	690

Sheriff Pryor requested that the Commissioners allow him to fill a full time Corrections officer position. Dave Arnold made a motion to allow the Sheriff to fill the full time Corrections officer position, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAINTENANCE**

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. The installation of the new security at the Government Center has started and the changing of the door hardware is in progress. Housekeeping has had additional challenges with the snow and cold weather. The Jail has changed over to a new security system and it is working well. The Health Department had some frozen pipes in the wall in January. The wall was opened up and the pipes were inspected and insulated. Work is continuing with ADA compliance.

**E.M.A.**

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners with his report. Alvin highlighted some of the weather events of the past months. The November 17<sup>th</sup> tornadoes that went through the county did not get a Federal Declaration, but it was recently announced that Cass County is one of the counties to be eligible for assistance through the Small Business administration. People can register at the Howard County EMA office. Alvin is waiting to see if any action will be taken on the winter storms

that hit Cass County January 5 through the 7<sup>th</sup>. As a county, we had to reach \$136,000.00 in costs related to the emergency/snow removal event to qualify. Cass County did reach that level.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> there was an ice jam on the Wabash River. The ice jam was causing the water to rise and create a dangerous situation with the river nearing flood stage. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Weather Service and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security were informed. Local agencies responded and evacuated residents from the immediate area for safety reasons. The ice jam broke up about an hour later, easing concerns for the threat. Alvin has been working with Richard Gundrum for the best solution for insulation to the E.M.A. building.

E.M.A. will be hosting the National Weather Service Severe Weather training on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Ivy Tech Community College. This will include persons from Pulaski, White, Miami, Fulton and Cass Counties.

#### WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with a request for two part time Field Officers and one part time Case Manager. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the request for two part time Field Officers and one part time Case Manager, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

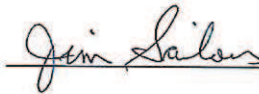
#### APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Dr. Dave Martin from the Cass County Health Department addressed the Commissioners. Dr. Martin informed the Commissioners that the new hours for the Health Department were working quite well. Work on the Preparedness Grant continues and Dr. Martin will continue to keep the Commissioners updated with the Grant progress.

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



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Dave Arnold, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor