

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2014

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

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	170
PRISONERS RELEASED	180
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,172
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,560
OFFICER PATROL MILES	25,679
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	67
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	75
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	3
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	37
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	53
PROPERTY DAMAGE	47
PERSONAL INJURY	6
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	195
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,403
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	633

Sheriff Pryor also reported to the Commissioners the current activity of the Cass County Drug Task Force:

CASES MADE	13
ARRESTS MADE	11
CASS COUNTY CASES MADE	6
METHAMPHETAMINE LABS	2

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to hire one part-time Correction Officer. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of one part-time Correction Officer, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Pryor also informed the Commissioners of the retirement of Sergeant Brad Sommers the last part of March. Sheriff Pryor requested permission to fill the full time Sheriff Deputy position. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the full time Sheriff Deputy position, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Pryor also requested permission to fill the vacant position of a full time Correction Officer. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the filling of the vacant full time Correction Officer position, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The sheriff vehicle bids taken under advisement at the last Commissioner meeting were addressed. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the bids from Fletcher Chrysler Dodge, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Richard Gundrum presented the Commissioners with his monthly report, some of the high lights were:

Installation of the new security system at the Government Center outside doors. Badge readers are installed and operable.

Worked with Comcast on installation of new fiber cable into the Government building.

Worked with contractors on obtaining quotes for new cooling system for 911 I.T. Room.

Numerous roof repairs are needed that can only be done after snow season.

Coordinated and received the Federal and State Right to Know posters. Will begin distributing to the Cass County Facilities.

Richard requested the Commissioners declare the following items surplus:

- 24 Used floor mats from jail- very worn
- 3 TV monitors from jail-do not work
- 1 Small desk from jail-rough
- 31 Chairs from jail and garage-most broken/badly worn
- 13 Cambros water jugs from jail-most leak
- 2 Paper shredders from garage-do not work
- 75 Mattresses from jail and work release- removed due to condition
- 2 Kitchen product dispensers from jail- removed due to condition
- 1 Sewing machine -does not work
- 1 Typewriter from garage-does not work
- 2 Filing cabinets 2 drawer from garage- rough condition
- 8 Card files from garage- old rough condition
- 1 Antique voting booth from garage
- 1 Microfilm viewer from clerk's office- does not work
- 1 Paper shredder from Clerk's office- does not work
- 4 Chairs from Clerk's office -broken and worn condition
- 1 Roll top desk in Health department storage- needs repair

Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare the list presented as surplus, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSOLIDATED UNION INSURANCE

Michael Bowditch from Consolidated Insurance appeared before the Commissioners and presented information regarding the current insurance with their company. Michael thanked the Commissioners for choosing Consolidated Union and for their continued business. Michael's recommendation to the Commissioners was to continue and remain with the following companies:

Alliance Municipal Insurance Company for the Commercial Package, General Liability, Commercial Auto, Inland Marine, Public Officials Liability, Errors and Omissions Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Umbrella lines of business. It is also our recommendation to maintain the Worker's Compensation coverage with IPEP despite a small rate increase. Dave Arnold made a motion to continue with the companies and coverage recommended by Consolidated Union Insurance, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLYMERS GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner President Jim Sailors opened the Public Hearing for Clymers Grant. The following individuals presented information for the meeting:

Ethel Morgan -Hometown Engineering
Jon Borgers- Wessler Engineering
Trent Newport -Crossroads Engineering

Each individual gave several options that the Commissioners could pursue to correct the water and septic issues within the town of Clymers. The study was presented to the Commissioners for their review. Jim Sailors then opened the meeting to public remarks or questions.

Mayor Ted Franklin, who resides at 315 S. Hillcrest Drive, Logansport, read a letter to the Commissioners. There were no further comments.

Dave Arnold made a motion to accept the study as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors requested a motion to close the Clymers Grant hearing. Dave Arnold made a motion to close the public hearing, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' PART-TIME PERSONNEL

The Commissioners requested permission to fill the vacated position of Judy Barr in the Veteran's Service Office. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the filling of the vacated part-time position, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLACEMENT OF ATM IN COURTHOUSE

An agreement between Logansport Savings Bank and the Cass County Commissioners for the placement of an ATM within the Cass County Government Building is being considered. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the agreement as presented to the Commissioners, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

LUCERNE LIONS RUNNING WITH THE LIONS 5K

Dirk Raderstorf appeared before the Commissioners with a request for road closures for the Lions 5K run. The race will take place Saturday November 1st, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The race route will follow this course. The start and finish line will be in front of the Lion's Hall on Hill Street. The runners will head east on Hill Street, turn South on Hall Street, go east approximately 20 feet along the North side of State Road 16 (there is approximately 5 feet of shoulder, which should be adequate for the runners and their safety) then North on County Road 150 West to approximately three tenths of a mile North of 800 North where the runners will turn around and return to the finish line following the same route. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the road closures for the Lions 5K run, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Mike Deitrich appeared and expressed his concern in regards to the debris from the Scott Square building site. Due to wind and weather debris has been scattered across the Hoosier Heartland and surrounding area. Commissioner Dave Arnold told Mr. Deitrich he would address the situation.

An appointment to Region Four Workforce of Eric Johnson was presented by Dave Arnold. The position would be from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the appointment of Eric Johnson to Region Four Workforce, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners are requesting that the Treasurer come before the Commissioners each month to show that the books reconcile to the depository. Jim Sailors informed the public that the Treasurer has not reconciled the books.

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