

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 5, 2014

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

MINUTES

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Arnold 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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bob Vernon appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. There were ten routine vaccination clinics held. A total of 332 patients were seen and 692 vaccinations were given. Vital records issued 126 birth certificates, 110 death certificates, 4 genealogy searches were conducted and one paternity affidavit was issued.

Thirty retail establishments were inspected and there were two follow up inspections. There have been no temporary inspections conducted, and no temporary permits issued. Fifteen environmental complaints have been investigated. Currently the Health department has twelve active septic cases. Dave Ortel, a state employee, has been working closely with our department to ensure each septic meets minimum standards and is issued properly.

Mike Collins began working with the Health department in March and has stepped in as the lead coordinator for the preparedness grant. Mike is working on receiving certifications to inspect swimming pools and incident command systems. Mike is also assisting Eric Eldridge with restaurant inspections, environmental complaints and septic systems.

Jan McKaig, Health and Education teacher, has decided to retire, her last day will be June 27th. Bob Vernon and Dr. Martin have been reviewing the 2014 budget and preparing for the budget for 2015. The POD exercise on May 1st was a great experience and a success.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly highway report. Jeff informed the Commissioners that he would be presenting Ray Eber's report also, since Ray is currently on vacation. Jeff reported that there have been several culvert and road washouts in the past few weeks. The most recent washouts were on 500E between 400S and 450S, which will be closed for possibly a few more weeks while we await delivery of the new pipe. There was also another washout on 700E near 400S. This road will remain open with lane restrictions. The CCHD is also gathering cost estimate and options for replacing box culvert on CR 200E between 600S and 650S. These culvert issues have pushed back some of the planned activities of the CCHD.

The summer road construction program is being finalized. The CCHD is anticipating close to 100 miles of road work this year. Regular dust control application to gravel roads will be occurring with in the next 4 to 6 weeks. Calcium chloride is normally applied in front of houses and at curves or intersections where visibility is an issue.

Current issues have occurred concerning the Delaware Road project. One of the property owners has recently diverted the flow of the natural stream onto his property by digging a narrow trench.

The CCHD will be hosting a training session through the Indiana LTAP program on May 20th, at the Cass County Fairgrounds. This event is expected to draw participants from other agencies in Cass and surrounding counties. The subject of this training session will be temporary traffic control and proper flagging techniques.

Larger culvert projects planned for this year include replacements of box culvert structures on 375E and 325E in Washington Township. Other projects planned will be evaluated after emergency issues are taken care of.

Jeff informed the Commissioners of the current problems with the 18th Street Bridge. There have been some issues with expansion joints over the past winter. Some other deterioration has occurred over the 37 years that this bridge has been in place. Rather than a band aid approach, we are recommending a full rehab that would provide a new deck surface, eliminate the troublesome expansion joints and bring the bridge back to a like new condition. This would provide at least 30 more years of reliable service life.

Jeff requested permission from the Commissioners to seek federal Funding to do the full rehab of the 18th Street Bridge. If the funding is approved, 80 percent of the cost would be federal dollars and 20 percent would be local. Dave Arnold made a motion for Jeff to proceed in procuring federal funding for the 18th Street Bridge, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff also presented an ordinance for "No Thru Trucks"; all thru commercial trucks are prohibited from using the following roads:

Unger Street
Hammon Street
Beal Street
Minor Street

Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the Ordinance for "No Thru Trucks" for the following streets, Unger, Hammon, Beal and Minor, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff had one more item for the Commissioners approval. Jeff presented the agreement for the LPA Consulting Contract. This is for phase II of the 400S project. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the LPA Consulting Contract for phase II of the 400S project, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS AREA TRANSIT

Seger Mathew, the new Cass Area Transit director, appeared before the Commissioners. Seger requested the approval of the Commissioners for a 5339 Grant application. This is an 80 percent federal funded grant with 20 percent local funds. The total cost needed to replace vehicles is \$68,526.00. The local share would be \$13,705.20 and the federal would be \$54,828.80. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the 5339 Grant application, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and outlined her activities for the month. Christy visited 56 industries and companies. There are four possible business retention and expansions. The Town of Walton is looking at ERA designation. The Cass County ED Website, is almost ready. Cass County received information on four project leads; unfortunately we could not accommodate their requirements.

SRI CONTRACT

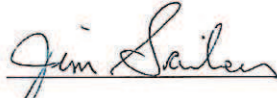
A new contract was presented to the Commissioners for tax sale for 2014. The contract actually was less than last years. Attorney John Hillis has reviewed the contract and given his approval. Ralph

Anderson made a motion to approve the 2014 tax sale contract for SRI, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Mr. Kenneth Reese, who resides at 3022 W. Delaware Road, Logansport, addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Reese expressed his concerns about the drainage on Delaware Road.

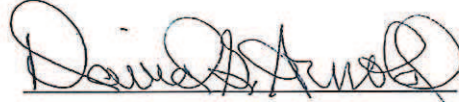
Commissioner Dave Arnold announced that the Park Supervisor and his wife Angela had a little girl on Sunday. Congratulations. There were no other public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Dave Arnold, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor