

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 19, 2014**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Dave Arnold, Attorney John Hillis and 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Michele Crain from the Auditor's office. 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.

**SUPERIOR COURT I**

Judge Thomas Peronne appeared before the Commissioners with a request to replace his court reporter. Karen Cripe is retiring after twenty years of service. Ralph Anderson made a motion for Judge Peronne to replace his court reporter, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF**

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	167
PRISONERS RELEASED	161
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,542
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	11,115
OFFICER PATROL MILES	31,113
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	156
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	109
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	32
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	33
PROPERTY DAMAGE	27
PERSONAL INJURY	6
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	253
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,575
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	727

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to replace a Corrections Officer. Sheriff Pryor had a Corrections Officer resign. Dave Arnold made a motion to allow Sheriff Pryor to replace the Corrections Officer, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor also informed the Commissioners that he had met with the Personnel Committee in regards to hiring an additional Deputy. Ralph Anderson made a motion to pass on to the Council a positive recommendation for an additional Deputy, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors inquired how many deputies would be working in the department. Sheriff Pryor responded with 18 deputies.

Attorney John Hillis announced that a lawsuit was recently dismissed against the County, due to the outstanding records that the Sheriff and his deputies keep.

Sheriff Pryor reported that the County Drug Task Force had 20 cases, 5 arrests. Of the 20 cases, 9 were made by the county and there was 1 meth lab.

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Richard met with Ameresco on April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss with Brad Driver issues and concerns of the HVAC system. Heavy rain and wind out of the east caused big leaks on the third floor of the Government Center. Richard has requested an estimate for caulking and sealing the remainder of the building. Last fall the south was caulked and windows washed. A large Trane chiller on the roof went down, the serviceman found a bad motor and re-wired so 8 of the 9 fans would work. A new motor was ordered.

Maintenance is preparing for the Indiana Department of Corrections inspection of the Jail. County employee, Denny Nealis, along with three jail inmates have started painting the interior of the jail. This will save the county substantially. Richard continues to be very busy with numerous projects in the Government Center and surrounding county buildings.

#### PARK DEPARTMENT

Lucas Beach appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Lucas reported that the water and electrical have all been turned on within the Park. There were only two main water line breaks within the Park. The Park now has pop machines. Coca-Cola is managing the machines. The Park conducted zip line training for the employees. The training lasted eight hours and ten employees were trained. The zip line will open on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend.

The Park is almost ready to accept debit and credit cards. Now that the Park has Wi-Fi, the Park would like to move forward with this process. The Park is requesting the County Council allow the Park to establish a separate bank account for this service. Dave Arnold made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Council for the separate bank accounts, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. April was spent working on the election and the new poll book. The state required that the poll book be certified and there were several problems that required attention.

The Park has a new software system in place. Currently receipt printers are being configured and are now just waiting for data cables to complete the job. Letters were sent to all local banks requesting bids for the debit and credit card system for the Park. Three bids were received and given to the Commissioners for their review from Logan Savings Bank, Beacon Credit Union and First Farmers Bank & Trust. Ralph Anderson made a motion to take all three bids under advisement, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The I.T. department is currently working on switching over to our new fiber internet connection. There are a lot of connections made to and from the courthouse that we have to take into account, so we are taking our time to get it moved over correctly.

Logan Savings Bank has installed their ATM on the third floor of the Government Center, and are working on the programing to get it up and running. This project will run off of the fiber internet so any delays in that project will also delay the ATM project as well.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the bids submitted for a truck and backhoe. Attorney John Hillis opened the bids from the following:

RPM Machinery  
2691 Schuyler Ave  
Lafayette, IN 47905

2014 Case 580SN 4WD T4A      \$81,250.00  
Backhoe

Southeastern Equipment 3333 W. Coliseum Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46808	New New Holland B95C Backhoe	\$95,443.00
West Side Tractor Sales Co. 3201 South 460 East Lafayette, IN 47905	2014 John Deere 310SK Backhoe Loader	\$85,200.00
Cass County Ford P.O. Box 389/221 Mall Road Logansport, IN 46947	2015 F250 ¾ ton Ford Regular Cab	\$25,700.00

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take all bids under advisement, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith took this opportunity to mention the drainage of the 400 S. project. For an additional \$80,000.00, of which the county's shared cost would be \$16,000.00, the county could have an underground tiled ditch versus an open ditch. This would also lessen the loss of farm ground to those in that area. Dave Arnold made a motion to pursue the underground tiled ditch instead of an open ditch, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith also extended a big "Thank you" to the I.T. staff for their help with a recent computer issue at the Highway Garage.

#### WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with a request to replace a part-time Corrections Officer at Work Release. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to replace a part-time Corrections Officer, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson announced that the Third Street Bridge will be closing June 2<sup>nd</sup> for much needed repairs. The bridge could reopen somewhere around November 28<sup>th</sup>.


Dave Arnold announced that the County has offered the Memorial Home to the Mayor of Logansport and the Historical Society. It has also been offered to Landmark, Logan's Landing and any other non-profit organization. If none of these entities are interested in the Memorial Home there is the possibility of placing it up for auction by July 1, 2014. Dave Arnold made a motion that if none of the above mentioned entities are interested in the Memorial Home, that it be put up for public auction by July 1, 2014, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried with two aye votes and one nay from Ralph Anderson.

There was discussion about the long term campers at Park. Dave Arnold made a motion to change Park policy in regards to long term camping and establish a 30 day camping policy, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no more 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