

## CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 2, 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

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

### CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

### HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Approximately 80 centerline miles of road are scheduled to be resurfaced. Slight adjustments continue to be made as the program moves forward. Of the 80 miles approximately 70 miles are chip and seal, 3.5 miles are pug pavement and about 1.5 miles are hot mix asphalt pavement. CCHD anticipates that the first round of chip and seal work will possibly begin in June.

Dust control was completed on gravel roads last week. Calcium is generally applied in front of houses and at curves and intersections. Calcium chloride has also been applied to roads that have been ground up.

Jeff Smith requested that the lowest bids taken under advisement at the previous Commissioner meeting be approved. The lowest bid for a back hoe was from RPM Machinery in Lafayette, Indiana in the amount of \$81,250.00 and the lowest and only bid for a pick-up truck was from Cass County Ford in Logansport, Indiana in the amount of \$25,700.00. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept the bids from RPM Machinery and Cass County Ford, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith requested permission to advertise for bids for two new dump trucks. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to advertise for bids for two new dump trucks, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff also requested permission to hire a part-time driver for the Highway department. Dave Arnold made a motion to allow the hiring of a part-time driver at the Highway department, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Eber presented his report to the Commissioners. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the CCHD hosted an LTAP temporary traffic control training at the Cass County fairgrounds. There was a great turn out and CCHD looks forward to hosting more training in the future.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> the CCHD enlisted the help of LMU to clean out the culverts on Delaware Road. CCHD will be replacing a culvert structure on 375 E between 450S and 500S with an Aluminum box culvert and wing walls. The job will be a joint effort with CPI and Schlick's crane service as well as our own staff. The projected start date is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

A Concrete box structure on 200E is in a state of disrepair and needs to be replaced very soon. Water is undermining the concrete footers, causing the pavement to sink on the north side of the structure. CCHD is collecting prices from several distributors for replacement structures. This project will take priority over other planned projects.

The sidewalks in Young America are the next ADA project for the CCHD. This is the second year of a five year plan to be compliant with the ADA standards. This project is slated to begin sometime in late June or July.

#### CCED

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with her monthly report of activity. Standard Fusee Corporation, formally known as Project Blaze, is requesting to vacate a public road. The petition to vacate that road was presented to the Commissioners. Dave Arnold made a motion to grant the petition to vacate a public road, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Christy also informed the Commissioners about Project Seed. On May 5, 2014 Dehaven Soil Service is adding \$100,000.00 in real property investment with a new Seed Building and renovation of existing offices. The facility has hired three new employees. The Town of Walton has granted a 10 year real property tax abatement to Dehaven Soil Service. This was the first abatement for the Town of Walton since the establishment of their ERA.

On May 16, 2014, Project Fermentation also known as The Anderson's Clymers Ethanol, LLC added 1.5 million in new equipment. Adding an additional fermentation tank, a beer degas system and a pre condenser. The Cass County Council granted a five year personal property tax abatement to The Anderson's.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bob Vernon appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report of the Health Department. During the month of May, eight routine vaccination clinics were held. A total of 167 patients were seen for immunizations and 447 vaccinations were given. On May 8<sup>th</sup> our Indiana State Department of Health immunization representative audited our immunization division. This yearly audit included the following: quality control vaccine refrigerators/freezer temperatures, verifying up to date paperwork is being used, checking that patient consents are properly filled out and analyzing immunization productivity. For the year ending 2013, our immunization rate for all babies was 96%. Since 1999 the immunization rate has never been less than 95%.

Eric Eldridge has inspected seven retail food establishments, while conducting one follow up inspection. There have been twelve temporary food permits issued. Eric has also investigated thirteen environmental complaints and two septic inspections were conducted in May.

Mike Collins is continuing on with the preparedness grant. He was instrumental in the success of the POD's exercise held on May 1, 2014. Mike has taken eleven environmental calls and has performed nine follow up inspections for these complaints. Mike has also worked on four septic systems. Mike is working with the state environmentalist and is learning quickly on how to do specs on new OSS, issuing OSS permits and inspecting them for a final inspection.

Jan McKaig is continuing her presentations on tobacco education and hand washing. Jan presented 1,048 classes on tobacco and 634 classes on hand washing for the 2013-2014 school year. Jan is participating in the Tobacco Task Force. Jan met and talked about upcoming events they will be participating in. One event would be in connection with the Better Health for Cass County Committee at the 4-H Fair this summer.

#### I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners and presented the bid sheet to the Commissioners in regards to the debit/credit bids opened at the last Commissioner meeting. Cj presented the bids from First Farmers Bank and Trust and Logansport Savings Bank. There were questions and discussion. Ralph Anderson made a motion to award the bid to Logansport Savings Bank, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CLERK

Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire a part-time person. Beth requested permission to hire a part-time person, but not until Fall of this year. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to hire a part-time person, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire a full time Corrections Officer. Sheriff Pryor had an officer leave his employ. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of a full time Corrections Officer, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## WALTON 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY RUN

John Mangas appeared before the Commissioners with a request to close 700E between US 35 and 900S between the times of 8 and 10:30 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Walton 5K run. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to close 700E between US 35 and 900S on July 4<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 10:30 a.m., Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

The following individuals appeared before the Commissioners and expressed their concerns in regards to France Park:

Mark Ricci 500 Hanna Street, Logansport, IN

Tom Willis 2705 Perrysburg Road, Logansport, IN

Mr. Calloway Brookston, IN

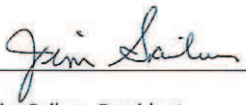
Bridget Wolf 8530 W 25 S, Logansport, IN

Glenn Stewart, 345 N 1050 W, Logansport, IN

Denise Odell, Washington, IN

The Commissioners are aware that there are problems and they are currently trying to resolve the issues.

Ralph Anderson announced the dates for the Civic Players "Sound of Music" June 21, 22 and June 27, 28 at 7:30 p.m. 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