

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 21, 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 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 & payroll as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Jim Sailors opened the public hearing for the closure of road 1100 East. Christy Householder presented the petition from Orion to close the road. All notices have been sent as prescribed. Orion wishes to close the road for the safety of the employees, as the business is situated on both sides of the road. A traffic count was done and the average traffic count was 91 cars per day.

John Hillis presented into evidence the letter from Miami County. Miami County will hold their public hearing for the closure of the road 1100 East July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the GAR room of the Miami County Courthouse.

Attorney George Stephenson appeared in opposition of the road closure. George objected to the 30 day filing rule. A remonstrance was filed in the Auditor's office on July 7<sup>th</sup> of 2014. The following persons spoke in opposition of the road closure:

William Newman	637 S. 1075 E. Peru, IN 46970
Jeff Tillet	10329 E. 325 N. Peru, IN 46970
George Eddy	3441 N. 500 W. Peru, IN 46970
Robert Sutero	3535 N. Eel River Corn. Rd. Peru, IN 46970
John Lowry	3359 N. 500 W. Peru, IN 46970
Sheila Briner	3441 N. 500 W Peru, IN 46970

After all of the comments of opposition were heard, James Tidd, Director of Miami County Economic Development spoke in regards to Orion and their economic impact on both counties.

Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the ordinance vacating road 1100 E., Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This is Ordinance 2014-8.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **I.T. DEPARTMENT**

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill his full time vacancy, before the former employee is completely out of the county's payroll system. Cj met with the Personnel Committee and went before the Council on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Both gave favorable recommendations to move forward with the hiring of a full time employee. Cj also requested permission to hire a part-time

employee. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the I.T. department to hire a full-time employee and a part-time employee, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Richard has been busy addressing numerous issues with the Government Building. HVAC issues continue throughout the building. Updated drawings of the four floors of the Cass County Government building have been completed. This update was done in order to develop an emergency evacuation and take cover routes for occupants to exit the building.

Richard also met on July 8<sup>th</sup> with the Indiana Department of Corrections Inspection of Jail Facility. The inspector had no issues with building conditions and records of maintenance at the Jail. Inspector made some recommendations and forwarded information on construction of padded cell at the Jail.

Richard also requested permission to hire a full time employee, due to the resignation of Betty Smith. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of a full time employee, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	197
PRISONERS RELEASED	208
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1,125
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,577
OFFICER PATROL MILES	32,538
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	194
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	133
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	6
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	68
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	37
PROPERTY DAMAGE	31
PERSONAL INJURY	6
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	221
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,387
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	430

Sheriff Pryor also requested permission to hire one part-time Correction Officer. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to hire one part-time Correction Officer, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor introduced to the Commissioners the two new deputies joining the Cass County Sheriff Department, Preston Howard and Scott Turney. Sheriff Pryor also extended his best wishes to Dusty Beckman, former I.T. staff member, on his new endeavors, he will be missed.

#### CLERK

Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners with a request to establish and revise the boundaries of certain precincts within the County. Beth presented the Commissioners with an order for the changes and a map. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the changes in the precincts, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Beth will forward it on to the State.

#### FAMILY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Deb Waggoner appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a full time position at the Family Opportunity Center. The title of the position is controller; Deb would like to request that the title be changed to administrative assistant. The Commissioners told Deb that the title change will need

to be made with the Council. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the filling of the full time position at the Family Opportunity Center, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire one part-time corrections officer. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the request to hire one part-time corrections officer, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department's recommendation for bids for dump truck beds and chassis. The recommendation is to award the bids to W.A. Jones for the dump beds and Weirs for the chassis. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept the recommendation to award the bids to W.A. Jones for the dump beds and Weirs for the chassis, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### WORK FORCE ONE

Roger Feldhaus appeared before the Commissioners and presented information in regards to Work Force One. Roger introduced Arden Cramer, board member, Deborah Sheets and Jay Jones, Work Force One staff. Deborah Sheets presented the Work Force One success story of Diana Shedron.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

There were no public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Dave Arnold, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor