

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 15, 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 and payroll as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners to have the bids that were received at the last meeting approved. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept all bids that were received, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith also requested that the bid for culvert inspections be approved. The bid is not to exceed \$50,400.00. The bid was submitted by USI Consultants and was the only bid submitted for culvert inspection. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve USI Consultants, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and gave the following report:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	143
PRISONERS RELEASED	143
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1,184
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	12,634
OFFICER PATROL MILES	33,607
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	176
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	141
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	8
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	34
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	65
PROPERTY DAMAGE	56
PERSONAL INJURY	9
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	160.5
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,354
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	521

Randy informed the Commissioners that he has secured new radios and the Council is requesting an additional appropriation to secure the funds. The radios will cost \$75,905.04.

MAINTENANCE

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissions and gave his monthly report. Richard received a follow up report on finding on RTU#1 issues and boiler issues from Ameresco. A hot water pre-heater for the dishwasher at the Jail was replaced. The fuel for the generator at the jail was topped off. The hot water boiler was worked on at Work Release. The fuel for the generator at Work Release was also topped off. At the Family Opportunity Center leaks in the boiler piping and faulty valves were

replaced. A new hanging heater for the Ambulance Garage has been ordered. Richard continues to work with the engineers on building evaluations for upcoming projects.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. The month of November started with the election, there were no major incidents. The I.T. department helped the Clerk's office with the jury draw for next year. A larger portion of the virtual environment upgrade was done this month. This increases our storage, memory, and processing power for our virtual machines to be four times what we had before.

The new copier, phone and computer are set up for the new H.R. department. A new wifi system for the Highway Garage, EMA and Family Opportunity Center has been ordered and received. The I.T. Department hopes to configure them and deploy this week or next. The Extension Office is receiving a new counter and I.T. will be assisting providing phone and data cables to the appropriate locations.

CLERK

Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a vacated full time position in her office. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the filling of the vacated full time position, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK RELEASE

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with permission to submit the yearly grant plan application for Work Release. Ralph Anderson made a motion to submit the grant plan application, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E.M.A

Alvin Beckman appeared and informed the Commissioners that E.M.A. is eligible to receive additional grant monies. E.M.A. has met certain criteria that allow them to receive additional sub- grant monies. The amount is not to exceed \$8,485.29. Ralph Anderson made a motion to proceed with the sub-grant agreement, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Bob Ehle, CCSW director, appeared before the Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the CCSW activities for 2014. In 2013 47,000 pounds of electronics were collected and this year over 111,000 pounds have been collected. A sixth roll - off recycling container was added and placed in Twelve Mile. The CCSW District office has relocated to the warehouse located at 6th and High Street.

Bob took this opportunity to thank Board member Dave Arnold for his 8 years of service.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made:

County Redevelopment Commission - Jim Sailors

Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Jim Sailors to the County Redevelopment Commission, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mike Kinzie

Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Mike Kinzie to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Industrial Park Board – Arden Cramer and Bill Cuppy

Dave Arnold made a motion to appoint Arden Cramer and Bill Cuppy to the Industrial Park Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Defender Board – Jay Hirschauer

Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Jay Hirschauer to the Public Defender Board, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Department Deputy Attorney – Jeff Stanton


Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Jeff Stanton as Health Department Deputy Attorney, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

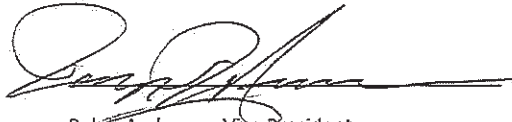
Cindy Howard, Commissioner Secretary, reminded everyone of the Christmas Party to be held December 22, at the Carousel. Reservations are due today. Cindy also reminded everyone that the Government Building will be closed that day from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Ralph Anderson announces that "Birth of a City" DVD's are available for \$10.00.

There were no further public comments. Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



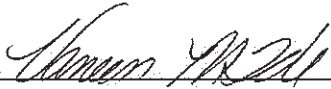
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President

Dave Arnold, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor