

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 5, 2015**

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

RE-ORGANIZATION

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to retain the same slate of officers as in 2014:

Commissioner President – Jim Sailors

Commissioner Vice President – Ralph Anderson

Commissioner Member – Jeff LeDonne

Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMEND AGENDA

Jim Sailors requested that the agenda be amended to add the 457 Plan between item number 9 and 10. Ralph Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda to include the 457 Plan between item number 9 and 10, Jeff LeDonne seconded.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bob Vernon appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. There were two routine vaccination clinics held and one flu clinic held for children. As of December 29th 151 patients were seen and a total of 379 vaccines were given. Vital records issued 90 birth certificates, 26 were free and 181 death certificates were issued. Assistance was given for 8 genealogy searches and 2 paternity affidavits were processed.

Environmentalists have conducted 18 routine retail food inspections and two follow up inspections. There have been 4 insect complaints, 2 trash/garbage complaints, 2 residential mold complaints, 4 Meth complaints, 1 unsanitary living complaint and 1 unregistered tattoo parlor complaint; along with 5 follow up visits for previous complaints. A meeting with land owners and land developers regarding Lake Perry's current and future septic issues took place in December.

The Health Educator met with 20 students at Stillwater Academy and taught proper hand washing. The Health Educator continues to update and organize the files in preparation for 2015 classes.

Bob Vernon and Dr. Martin continue to review applicants for the environmentalist position. They will be conducting interviews the second week in January.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and gave his monthly report of CCHD activities. Last year December included 515 man hours of overtime with at least 4 snow events totaling about 7 inches of snow. This past December we have accumulated just 14 man hours of overtime. Brine and abrasives have been applied to a few roads and bridges during the month of December.

The new dump trucks purchased by CCHS in 2014 are expected to be delivered at any time. CCHD snow routes have undergone a few changes as a result of annexation by the city of Logansport. The roads previously maintained by CCHD that are now under Logansport city jurisdiction include Southeast River Road from 18th Street to 325 E. and Morgan Hill Road from US 35 to 300 S. For the 2014/15 winter, the city will resume plowing in the industrial park and Ivy Tech campus. City and county plow crew will continue to exchange plow areas in a few parts of the city and county where efficiency, need and common sense dictate.

Ray Eber, Project Coordinator, informed the Commissioners that the salt barn project is nearly completed. The building could be used as early as this week. Training scheduled for the near future includes: bucket truck operator training, snow plowing refresher training and proper vehicle walk around training. Prep work for a structure replacement on 900 W just south of 250 N has been started. This is Jefferson Culvert #106 and will consist of removing the old structure and replacing it with a new aluminum box culvert.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand, Park Superintendent, appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Park report. Dana informed the Commissioners that he will be retired as of March 1, 2015 from the Logansport Police Department. There has been a beaver issue in Fish Lake. The beavers are temporary eliminated and a newly fabricated metal flood gate has been installed in the front of the culver overflow. Trails continue to be marked in the Park. A metal roof was put on the old shower house in hopes of saving the building and making use of it next summer. A small addition was placed on the north side of the shop for storage and keeping the equipment out of the elements. All equipment has been completely serviced and documented. Commercial water heaters and regulating valves have been purchased for the new bath house.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with her report and goals for 2015. Christy continues to meet with area business within Cass County. There are three possible industry expansions on the horizon. Christy presented the Commissioners with her five goals for 2015.

1. Business Retention Visits
2. Community Visits
3. Ag Advisory Committee
4. Cass County Hoosier Heartland Business Park
5. Site Selector Database compilation for direct marketing

Christy informed the Commissioners that Orion Safety Products will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon on January 9, 2015.

Jim Sailors requested that Dave Arnold be re-appointed to Regional Planning. Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Dave Arnold to Regional Planning, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There are five members; Christy Householder, Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, George Stebbins and Pat Gunnell.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

The contract with Prompt Ambulance Service will be for five years and will be reviewed every year. Attorney John Hillis reviewed the submitted contract. There is an issue with paragraph number four. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the contract excluding paragraph four until it can be discussed with individuals at Prompt Ambulance Service, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

457 PLAN

Attorney John Hillis presented the updated 457 Plan to the Commissioners. The plan follows the basic foot print of the former plan, with the exception to IRS updates. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the 457 Plan as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

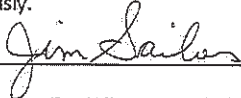
APPOINTMENTS


The Commissioners appointed Mike Kinzie to the Board of Zoning Appeals at the December 15th meeting. This was an error, this is a Council appointment. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to rescind the appointment; Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

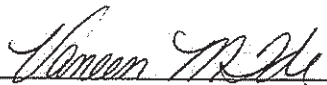
Ralph Anderson announced that Civic Players will present "Lottie & Bernice" a comedy. Dates are March 6 & 7th at 7:30 p.m. and March 8th at 2:30 p.m. at the historic State Theater. Tickets are \$10.00.

There were no other public comments. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Jim Sailors, President


Ralph Anderson, Vice President


Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 
Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor