

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, Attorney Jim Knight and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Absent was Attorney John Hillis. Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Ralph Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda and allow Clerk, Beth Liming to follow agenda item three, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

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

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

**CLERK**

Beth Liming appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to hire extra help for the upcoming Election. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to hire extra help, Jeff LeDonne seconded.

**CCED**

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioner and presented her monthly report. Christy has been busy visiting existing businesses. Company/Industry Visits included County Lawn and Garden and Myers Spring. Christy attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Orion Safety Products. The CCED completed the transfer of 5 acres to Scott's Square.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly report of the jail and deputies activities for the month of January.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	162
PRISONERS RELEASED	173
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,384
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	13,753
OFFICER PATROL MILES	33,963
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	77
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	81
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	1
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	36
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	82
PROPERTY DAMAGE	72
PERSONAL INJURY	10
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	143.5
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,438
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	510

Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that he had received two resignations and would need to replace two Correction Officers. Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that the loss of staff will result in an increase in overtime hours until training is completed. Jeff Ledonne made a motion to

allow Sheriff Pryor to replace the two Correction Officers, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor told the Commissioners that the female inmate population was up. The female cell blocks contain 48 beds and at this time 38 are occupied. The inmate population at the jail is increasing due to the recent changes in the criminal code. Most of the occupants of the jail are there due to drug related charges. The jail is currently housing 3 DOC inmates.

#### **SHERIFF CAR BIDS**

Only one bid was received.

Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	2015 Dodge Charger Police RWD
3099 N. Morton Street	\$23,590.00 per car
Franklin, Indiana 46131	2015 Dodge Charger Police AWD
	\$25,081.00 per car

Fletcher's will allow trades for the following vehicles:

2009 Chevrolet Impala	\$2,000.00
2011 Dodge Charger	\$4,000.00

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SECURITY**

Phil Loos appeared before the Commissioners and presented the yearly report from Security. The Security Department consists of one full-time officer and five part-time officers. Security intercepted 1,194 weapons this past year.

KNIVES	828
BOX KNIVES	102
CANISTERS OF PEPPER SPRAY	63
STUN GUNS	2

Additional functions:

UNLOCKED CARS	22
ASSIST AMBULANCE CREW	5
INCIDENT REPORTS	29
ARRESTED ON OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	13
PERSONAL INJURY REPORTS (EMPLOYEE & GENERAL PUBLIC)	6
CRIMINAL ARRESTS FOR: DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH A VEHICLE	
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	
POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA	
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	

The director conducted 86 background investigations on new county agency employees.

#### **WORK RELEASE**

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners and requested two part-time Corrections Officers. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request for two part-time Corrections Officers, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E-911**

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners and requested one full time Dispatcher to fill a vacancy and one additional part-time position. Dan has the funds for the additional part-time position in his budget. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request for one full time Dispatcher and one part-time position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **AREA TRANSIT GRANT**

Cathy Martinez appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the 5310 Grant. Cathy explained how the grant worked and that it required a 20% match. Jim Sailors addressed the match and said it does not have to come from the county. It can be a match from funds available from the Cass County Council on Aging or part city and county. The grant funds pass through the Cass County Auditor's office and that office requires a copy of the grant.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the application for the 5310 Grant, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EEL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

Mike Fincher appeared before the Commissioners and presented them with a copy of a Resolution of the Eel Township Board Adopting the Township Assistance Guidelines for the Year 2015. Mike wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the guidelines, since the Commissioners hear all appeals for township assistance.

#### **BRAIN CANCER AWARENES RUN 12 MILE**

Gail Byrum appeared before the Commissioners requesting permission to use Cass County roads for the run for Brain Cancer Awareness. The Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department will assist with traffic. The runners will begin at the Twelve Mile Fire Station and run south to County Road 625 N. and turn right. They will run to a marker on the road and turn around and return to the Fire Station. The run will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the use of county road for the Brain Cancer Awareness Run in 12 Mile, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COURT COLLECTIONS**

The Commissioners tabled this item.


#### **APPOINTMENTS**

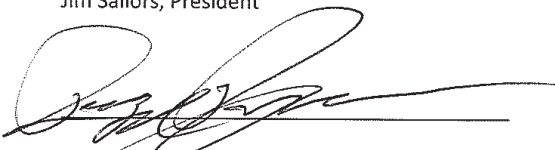
The Commissioners are current on all appointments at this time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Ralph Anderson reminded everyone of the upcoming "Lottie & Bernie Show". The new HR director, Jeremy Hall and Ralph Anderson both are participating.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Jim Sailors, President

  
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Ralph Anderson, Vice President

  
Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST:   
Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor