

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 1, 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. Commissioner Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Cass County Highway Department has rated its roads by percentages of road conditions as follows:

Poor, very poor, failed 12%

Fair 35%

Good 28%

Very good, excellent 13%

Gravel 12%

Roads that are good candidates for chip seal right now total 264 miles. So far the CCHD has spent about \$231,000.00 on road patching (\$143,500.00 for stone, \$87,600.00 for oil emulsion and cold patch asphalt). Dust control was applied to gravel roads late last week.

Jeff Smith requested that a 120 foot antenna tower be declared surplus. Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare the 120 foot antenna tower surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with his report. The Park had a very successful Memorial Day Weekend, with possibly a record high in revenue and attendance. The hard work and dedication by Park Staff preparing for the Holiday definitely paid off with no down time. The park received a lot of positive feedback from the campers and all who visited the Park. The Park brought in a total of \$16, 627.00 for the weekend which includes the \$2425.00 from the Zip Line.

The next event will be on June 27-28, 2015 for the AMA Maxx motor cross race. It will be a two day National Race verses a single day point's race like in the past years. Jim Sailors informed Dana Hildebrand that the Commissioners had received some very positive emails about the Park.

CCED

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and presented her monthly report. Christy visited NIPSCO and Carroll- White REMC/Wabash Valley Power. There are three projects that are possible industry expansions. One of the projects might be on hold. Christy continues to visit with numerous entities.

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill a full time position. The employee is leaving to join the Air Force, June 5th will be the employee's last day. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the full time position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan informed the Commissioners that he is looking into possibly going to twelve hour shifts. Right now the only thing that is really preventing moving forward with this option is the wording of an ordinance. Dan will do more research and get back with the Commissioners on how the ordinance will need to be worded.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Grant for Community Corrections. Cass County will receive \$587,164.00 from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016. There were no changes in terms or conditions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the grant as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave informed the Commissioners that with the new criminal code, work release is anticipating an increase in population and will probably have to add another case worker. Office space is also going to be an issue.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill one part-time and one full-time Corrections Officer position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill one part-time and one full-time Corrections Officer position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff also presented a request to fill the vacant full time Deputy position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacant full time Deputy position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with his recommendation for the fire alarm equipment. The lowest quote belonged to Fairchild Communications in the amount of \$11,950.00. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the quote from Fairchild Communications for the fire alarm equipment, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REGION 4 WORK ONE REPORT

Roger Feldhaus appeared before the Commissioners and presented the yearly report of activity. Mr. Feldhaus introduced Arden Cramer and Deborah Sheets. The report included a Work One success story of Tyler Yeakley.

APPOINTMENTS

The Commissioners recommended that Paul Desai fill a position of the Convention, Visitor & Tourism Commission. Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Paul Desai to the Convention, Visitor & Tourism Commission, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

The payment to Integra Realty of \$4,000.00 and Mitchell Appraisers for \$9,000.00 for the appraisal of the Cass County Government property was presented by Attorney John Hillis for the Commissioners review. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the payments to Integra Realty for \$4,000.00 and to Mitchell Appraisers for \$9,000.00, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES FOR 2016

The following dates have been selected for the Commissioner meetings for 2016:

Mon. January 4, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. January 18, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. February 1, 2016	1:00 PM
Tues. February 16, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. March 7, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. March 21, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. April 4, 2016	1:00 PM
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Mon. April 18, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. May 2, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. May 16, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. June 6, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. June 20, 2016	9:00 AM
Tues. July 5, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. July 18, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. August 1, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. August 15, 2016	9:00 AM
Tues. September 6, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. September 19, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. October 3, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. October 17, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. November 7, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. November 21, 2016	9:00 AM
Mon. December 5, 2016	1:00 PM
Mon. December 19, 2016	9:00 AM

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the Cass County Commissioner meeting dates as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Dr. Martin, from the Health Department, appeared and requested permission to fill the position of Health Department director. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the Health Department director position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan McDonald informed the Commissioners that the Amateur Radio Club will be at the EMA building June 27 and 28, showcasing ham radios and their importance in time of emergency.

Dale Seward appeared before the Commissioners to see if a decision has been made in regards to collections for the courts. No decision has been reached.

John Mangan requested a road closure for the July 4th festivities in Walton. The request is to close 700E between US 35 and 900S. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to allow the closure of 700E between US 35 and 900S, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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



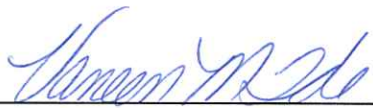
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor