

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 3, 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.

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.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and presented her monthly report. Christy attended the IEDC Chicago Sales Trip with State of Indiana. Christy networked and made some beneficial contacts for Cass County. Christy has been working with OCRA and their representative on a Workforce Development Grant. Christy continues to visit existing industry and companies within Cass County.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway report. The frustrating year of trying to complete road repairs and conduct a normal road program continues. Road damage is the worst anyone in our department has ever seen, including some 40 year employees. We anticipate chip and seal work to begin in late August. Our road ratings revealed 172 miles of chip seal which needs to be done. Our remaining budgeted money will allow around 60 miles of chip seal. Although an additional appropriation may be sought from our highway funds to add 20 to 30 miles to the total, logistics will prevent us from completing 172 miles this year.

A petition has been received for conversion of a gravel road in Clay Township. The signed petition is for 500 E between 225 N and 325 N. This segment is just less than 1 mile long and includes four residential properties. We will gather the required data to include with the petition.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the monthly report of the Park Department. With the record breaking rain for this spring and part of summer the park has done very well for attendance and revenue compared to 2014. July 2015 has exceeded July 2014 in revenue by \$16,929.85. There was an \$8,010.00 increase in gate fees and a \$1418.50 increase in Long Term Camping and a \$7,500.00 increase in Short Term Camping.

Dana requested permission to move a seasonal person into a full time position and the full time person is requesting to be moved to the seasonal position. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to allow the seasonal person move to the full time position and the full time person move to the seasonal position, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A resolution from the July 20th meeting that was not signed was presented to the Commissioners for signatures. The resolution pertains to the Cass County comprehensive plan future land use map along old State Road 25, south of the Hoosier Heartland Industrial corridor.

APPOINTMENTS

The Cass County Commissioners appointed Melodie Clements to fill the vacated part-time secretary position at the Cass County Highway Department. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the appointment of Melodie Clements to the part-time secretary position at the Cass County Highway Department, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Cass County Commissioners appointed Jeff Smith to the Airport Board. Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith to the Airport Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VACATE ALLEY

Roselyne Coberly of 424 Hamilton Street, Logansport appeared before the Commissioners in regards to vacating an alley. The Commissioners were unable to take action, since this property is located within the City boundaries.

BIDS FOR BOND CONSTRUCTION

Attorney John Hillis opened the following bids for construction for the Cass County Government Building:

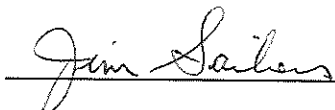
Ziolkowski Construction, INC. 4050 Ralph Jones Dr. South Bend, IN 46628	\$4,498,000.00
Michael Kinder & Sons, INC. 5206 Decatur Road P.O. Box 10572 Fort Wayne, IN 46853	\$4,127,000.00
RL Turner 1000 West Oak Street Zionsville, IN 46077	\$4,499,000.00

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the August 17th meeting, which will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Serenity Alter, Director of the Cass County Health Department, appeared before the Commissioners and requested permission to fill a part-time vacancy at the Health Department. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill a part- time positon at the Health Department, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


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



Jim Sailors, President


Ralph Anderson, Vice President


Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 
Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor