

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present for the meeting 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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly Highway Department report. Road work continues. Much of the time has been spent patching and repairing broken up road segments. The department is beginning chip and seal work this week. A minimum of 60 miles of chip seal work is to be done. To date, just over 1 million dollars has been spent on road repairs and resurfacing.

Bridge inspection is nearly complete, while culvert inspections are continuing around the county over the next few weeks. The inspections help identify problems and assist in prioritizing repairs and replacements. The bridge inspections revealed three small bridges recommended for replacement. Two of those three are already in our plan for replacement over the next few years.

The Highway Department would like to declare the following items surplus:

1. 1997 John Deere 7810 tractor, 13,666 hours
2. 1995 Ford F-250 diesel, 253,408 miles, flat bed utility body
3. Four (4) Root side delivery snow plows, damaged or deformed.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare the 1997 John Deere 7810 tractor, 1995 Ford F-250 Flatbed utility body and four (4) root side delivery snow plows as surplus property, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jeff Smith informed the Commissioners that he had already contacted the firm the sells our surplus, but they were not interested in the snow plows. Jim Sailors advised Jeff to dispose of them however he could.

Jeff Smith also requested permission to fill a full time position due to a retirement. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the request to fill a full time position due to retirement, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jeff announced that on September 15th there will be a public meeting regarding the 400 South project at the Cass County Airport at 6:00 p.m.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented his report on the Park. August was a busy month with over 5,600 people attending the park, not county campers. A total of \$51,517.63 was brought in for the month of August.

The work on the trails is completed to make them safer and easier to use. The marking of the trails are still a work in progress. A transformer was replaced at the Park.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with her monthly report. Two tax abatements were granted by the Cass County Council for B & T Grinding, LLC and Tierney Industrial

Warehouse. Both companies plan improvements. Christy has been visiting local Ag industries. Ivy Tech College is looking to add agricultural classes to its schedule.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department report. Serenity requested to hire a full time person to replace Juana Aho, who has resigned. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to hire a full time person due to a resignation, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The nurses conducted twelve routine vaccination clinics. They saw 246 patients with a total of 595 vaccines given. The nurses increased the number of shot days to provide for school age children to obtain the necessary vaccines to enter school. Logansport High School sent home many students who did not get their mandated Meningitis shot.

There have been 7 insect complaints, 6 trash/garbage complaints, 2 mold complaints, 5 unsanitary living complaints, 6 follow up inspections, 1 pool follow up, 4 meth complaints (with one being abated), 3 lead inspections and 2 tattoo inspections. Two tattoo permits were issued.

The Health Department has met with the Superintendent of Pioneer to discuss vaccine clinic and education. The Pioneer school nurse has scheduled education.

Serenity presented the Commissioners with a new fee schedule for the Health Department. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the new fee schedule, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners are sending a positive recommendation to the Cass County Council.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Lisa Swaim appeared before the Commissioners with a request to hire a part-time employee to fill a vacancy due to retirement. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to hire a part-time employee, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS BUREAU

Toni Savini presented to the Commissioners the Visitors Bureau report of expenditures for January through June of 2015. The Visitors Bureau is presenting the City with \$4,000.00 dollars to help with the downtown restroom project. They will have county and city maps available in a display. The restroom project is being done in the old Salvation Army building near 4th and Melbourne.

Toni also told the Commissioners that the Visitors Bureau will be giving the Cass County 4-H \$20,000.00 to help secure a venue for the 2016 fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

There were no 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