

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 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.

AMEND AGENDA

Ralph Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda to include Jordan Taylor tax sale settlement to item number 13, moving public comments to number 14 on the agenda, 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

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the Park Department report. Labor Day was a full weekend for the Park. The total monthly income for the Park was \$32,000.00, nearly doubling last year's total.

Lots of trail work is being completed and taking care of downed trees from recent storms. There are several benefit runs slated for the month of October. Travis Dearing from Sleepy Hollow has already started setting up for his hay rides and walk through for the last three weekends of October.

The Zip Line is still up and running, but only on Saturdays, unless requested by groups.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners and gave her monthly economic development report. Christy continues to visit local businesses. Grissom is still in the running for the KC46 project. A new hog confinement, Howard Swine Farms, LLC, has been approved.

Christy noted that she has begun to receive numerous emails from her visit to Japan with Governor Pence and other state officials.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No one was available.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway report. The majority of the 2015 road program is complete. A higher percentage of money was spent on patching and repairs this year, but we were still able to complete the road program mileage that was similar to last year.

Chip seal finished on September 24th. Since then we have returned to paving and a few remaining road repairs. Mowing has also been underway. We are working to schedule repairs to the expansion joints on bridge #11, which is on Logansport Road over the Norfolk Southern railroad.

The Highway Department is planning to replace two culvert structures in the coming weeks. Both are in Tipton Township and have been identified as needing replaced through our culvert

inspections. One is on 650 S just west of US 35 and the other on 350 S east of 950 E. Another culvert has been identified In Jefferson Township that will need to be replaced.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Steven Ray appeared before the Commissioners and made his presentation in regards to the Workforce Development Program Grant. The Cooperation Agreement was presented to the Commissioners for their approval.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The County of Cass, Indiana, seeks to support the efforts of the County of Howard, Indiana to obtain a Workforce Development Program grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the North Central Indiana Regional Workforce Development Program to benefit residents of the aforementioned Counties. As the chief executive officers of our respective local governments, we are signing this agreement to provide our full cooperation to accomplish this activity. Howard County is hereby designated as the lead agency for this application and program and will be the applicant for funds. Howard County will be liable for all the program’s administrative functions should the grant be awarded. This Cooperation Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one in the same instrument.

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to support the efforts of Howard County to obtain a Workforce Development Program grant, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IN HOME DETENTION

Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners to present the Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections Annual Report. Dave listed the types of programs and number of participants:

Community Transition Program	46
Electronic Monitoring	220
Work Release	159

Dave informed the Commissioners that a recent audit was preformed and was good. Work Release was rated at 97% out of 100 and they will receive a \$25,000.00 bonus from the DOC. Ralph Anderson also noted that Work Release was also the recipient of an \$8,000.00 grant to improve their greenhouse project, written by Logan’s Landing.

Dave requested to replace 3 part-time employees, one of the employees is going from full time to part-time and will fill in needed week end hours. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request for 3 part-time employees, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR BUILDING PROJECT

Attorney John Hillis opened the one bid received. The bid was from:
MKS Michael Kinder & Sons, INC.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46853
5206 Decatur Road

Jail Re-Roof & Mechanical Renovation	\$1,839,000.00
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Ralph Anderson made a motion to take the bid under advisement, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AREA TRANSIT FEDERAL GRANT

The grant application was approved in May. Signatures are requested to process the grant. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the signing of the grant, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JORDAN TAYLOR TAX SALE SETTLEMENT

A settlement amount has been agreed upon for an error made in a tax sale. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the settlement amount, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

Ralph Anderson announced Civic Players will present Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None" October 9th & 10th at 7:30 p.m. and October 11th at 2:30 at McHale Auditorium. The cast consists of a Councilman, Human Resource Director, Corrections Officer and a Commissioner.

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