

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 2, 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.

This meeting was not recorded. The recording system would not work properly.

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. There are 4 possible industry expansions. There were 5 businesses that either expanded or constructed new buildings in the amount of 2,960,000.00 in Cass County. Each business was adding or creating new jobs for 128 individuals.

Christy informed the Commissioners that Grissom was not selected for the KC 46 project; it was awarded to Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Megan Clark, Health Educator, presented the Health Department report, Director Serenity Alter was unavailable. The first public flu clinic was held on October 14th and 61 children were immunized. October 1, 2, 5, 9, 16 and 29th were devoted to flu walk-in days. 398 patients were seen with a total of 731 vaccines given for the month of October.

Vital records issued 350 birth certificates, 346 death certificates, 2 paternity affidavits and 14 genealogy searches. During October, 57 food establishments, 47 environmental, 4 meth and 4 lead inspections were completed. There were also 10 soil reports and 11 permits issued.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway report. The department continues to patch holes and complete a few asphalt patches as

the weather is holding. This includes follow up activity like shoulder stone on some paved roads. Additionally, we have completed a county – wide pass of mowing and are doing some gravel road maintenance.

Our culvert crews have been working on drainage and pipe projects. Projects completed so far include one of two culverts on 350 S near 950 E and a tile crossing on 1400 S between 500 E and 700 E. A culvert replacement on 650 S near Walton is pending. The expansion joint repair on bridge #11, which is located on Logansport Road over the NS railroad, has been completed.

Our first shipment of salt is on order for the coming winter. Our state contract price this year is \$65.92 per ton, a decrease of \$7.40 per ton from last year's cost. Jeff also informed the Commissioners that he is seeking a grant for railroad grade crossing in the amount of \$6,000.00, he should know by the end of this year.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the Park report. The camping is starting to slow down at the park. Two 5 K runs were held in October with good turn outs. Two of the three weekends of Sleepy Hollow are completed with great results. As campers are leaving their sites, we have started eliminating the dead ash trees. The beginning of November we will begin winterizing water lines.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with a request to fill the vacancy of a full - time cook at the Jail. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacancy of a full – time cook, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that he will need to seek additional funding for inmates that are being housed out of county due to our Jail being at capacity for the women prisoners. Ralph Anderson made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the Cass County Council to allow the additional funding, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Arin Shafer appeared before the Commissioners in regards to a dedication of a right of way. The right of way is in Oak Development. Highway Superintendent, Jeff Smith has inspected the road and it meets the Highway's criteria. The name of the road is, Creek Ridge Road, being presented to the Commissioners to accept as a dedicated county road. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept Creek Ridge Road as a dedicated county road, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK

The County discovered that the underground storage tank that will be permanently removed during the construction had never been registered with the State of Indiana. During the process of applying for the permit for it to be removed, it was also discovered that no payments had been made for the tank to the State of Indiana. The State of Indiana is currently offering a tax amnesty for people and entities that owe taxes. Cass County has received a form to allow us to partake in the tax amnesty program that the State is offering. Ralph Anderson made a motion to allow the County to participate in the tax amnesty program offered by the State of Indiana, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BICENTENNIAL EVENT

Jim Sailors announced that every county in the State will be raising a flag on December 11th at 12 p.m. to kick off the Bicentennial event. The community is welcome to attend as we raise a flag and the reading of the Bicentennial Resolution is read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Dave Wegner requested that the Commissioners sign his paperwork to receive the \$25,000.00 bonus that was awarded to the Work Release program.

William Bauman of 2431 George Street, Logansport, IN appeared before the Commissioners to compliment Dana Hildebrand and the Park Department for the great job they have done on the park trails.

Ralph Anderson announced he was a grandfather again.

Jim Sailors announced that the next Commissioner Tax sale will be January 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room and it will be followed with an internet sale.

There were no further 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

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor