

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2019

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Ryan Browning, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Sailors welcomed newly elected Commissioner Ryan Browning.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS - Ryan Browning made a motion to retain Jim Sailors as President and Ralph Anderson as Vice President.

President Jim Sailors

Vice President Ralph Anderson

Member Ryan Browning

Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL- Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the CCED monthly report. Christy attended the Economix Seminar held in Nashville and the IEDA Annual Conference.

Christy reported the Poly-Tech Program at Lewis Cass High School will not be applying this time for the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network Grant (WHIN). Christy will explore other local programs eligible to apply for the WHIN Grant. WHIN Grant can be used for internet technologies projects such as the Broadband Project.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department report for the month of December. The Health Department held six routine vaccination clinics and one flu clinic for children. There were 153 patients seen for routine immunizations and 390 vaccines were given.

For the month of December the Vital Records department received \$3,035 in document fees. Department printed 136 certified birth certificates and 19 free certified birth certificates, 165 certified death certificates, 1 paternity affidavit, and 1 genealogy search.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates completed 4 restaurant inspections for the month of December and issued 107 food permits. Four environmental inspections were completed with four follow up inspections. One lead inspection was conducted with five follow up inspections.

Serenity taught a three day Child Passenger Safety course for new technicians. Debbie Grimes gave three school presentations educating children on the topics of; Cover your Cough, Vaping and Juuling. Safe Sleep program provided three Pac'n Plays. Three dog bites were reported for the month. Board of Health meeting will be held on January 23rd at 7 p.m.

Serenity requested approval to fill vacant part time position. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve request to fill part time position, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly highway report. The department had one day of sand/salt operations for the month.

Jeff reported the breakdown of man-hours for the year 2018; 13% snow operations, 36% road maintenance, 20% culvert/bridge, and a total of 1,770 man-hours of overtime.

Phase III of CR 400 S project bid was awarded to Deichman Excavating at just under 2.4 million. Federal funding will cover 80% of inspection fees, with relinquishment money covering all but \$1,873 of the construction match.

Jeff informed the Commissioners; the State Board of Accounts has created a new fund to better track MVH monies for road construction, reconstruction, and preservation. MVH funds will be split equally between the existing 1176 Fund and the new 1173 Fund. Fund 1176 will be used for maintenance and general expenses.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the 2018 year end results. The park brought in an estimated \$408,423.

Gate Fees/Season Passes	\$106,656
Electric Camping	\$106,942
Primitive Camping	\$51,530
Long Term Camping	\$66,394
Cabin/Building Rental	\$8,320
Sleepy Hollow Event	\$1,572
Firewood	\$16,169
Camp Store	\$25,626
Concession	\$15,383
Disc Golf	\$2,260
Divers Den	\$3,903
Other	\$3,665

Jim Sailors announced the recent land donation of 104 acres expanding the park. Sailors extended appreciation for the donation received through the Justice family land trust managed by Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive (NICHES). Visitors can enjoy the conservation area free of charge.

PROSECUTOR – Lisa Swaim requested approval for part time prosecutor position to be increased to a full time position. The position will be fully funded by the BYRNE Grant for the next two years and a matching percentage will be funded through County User Fee Fund 2529 thereafter.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve changing the part time prosecutor position to a full time position, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa requested 1999 Pontiac to be deemed surplus. Commissioners recommended the vehicle as trade-in for new purchase.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed for 2019:

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Jim Sailors	By virtue of Office
Ralph Anderson	By virtue of Office
Ryan Browning	By virtue of Office

DRAINAGE BOARD

Jim Sailors	By Virtue of Office
Ralph Anderson	By Virtue of Office
Ryan Browning	By Virtue of Office

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Sailors	By Virtue of Office
Ralph Anderson	By Virtue of Office
Ryan Browning	By Virtue of Office

CASS COUNTY COMBINED E-911 DISPATCH GOVERNING BOARD

Ryan Browning	By virtue of Office
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INDIANA HOMELAND SECURITY DISTRICT 4

Ryan Browning	By virtue of Office
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SICK BANK

Ryan Browning	By virtue of office
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501C3 Memorial Home Board

Ryan Browning	
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CASS PULASKI COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ryan Browning	
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INDIAN CREEK

Ralph Anderson	By virtue of Office
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INDUSTRIAL PARK BOARD

Ralph Anderson	By virtue of Office
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ralph Anderson	By virtue of Office
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CASS COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

Jim Sailors By virtue of office

COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Jim Sailors By Virtue of Office

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Jim Sailors By Virtue of Office

JOINT PLAN COMMISSION

Jim Sailors 1-1-19 to 12-31-19

NORTHCENTRAL INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL PLANNING

Jim Sailors 1-1-19 to 12-31-19

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the appointments as read, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Sailors made a motion to reappoint Dave Arnold to the Redevelopment Commission, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JDAI GRANT – Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request for grant application renewal, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT – Judge Kitts requested approval to fill two vacant full time positions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to fill two full time positions, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FOUR COUNTY COUNSELING – Carrie Cadwell, CEO presented the Four County 2018 Annual Report. Annual Report included general statistics of all participating counties and a list of prevention services provided by Four County. Carrie explained the programs and services provided to Cass County during 2018. Four County’s goal is Better Care and Better Together, by pursuing a federal grant addressing the opioid epidemic networking with Memorial Hospital and Logansport School Corporation. Four County is participating in a grant with Tyson and Memorial Hospital for access to substance abuse services.

Carrie introduced Bethany Schoenrad, Vice President of Operations. Bethany developed a Recovery Walk program for those suffering from addiction.

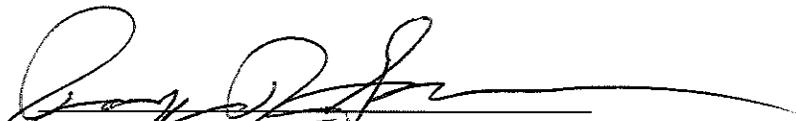
PUBLIC COMMENT – Ralph Anderson extended sincere sympathies on the passing of Skip Kuker. Skip served as director for Economic Development for Cass County and was instrumental in pursuing the completion of the Hoosier Heartland and the Anderson Ethanol Plant, the construction of IVY Tech, and bringing Trine University to Logansport. He will be missed and appreciated for what he did for the county and city of Logansport.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



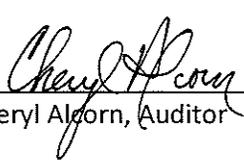
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor