

## CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2020

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.

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2020, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL** - Jim Sailors 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 economic development report for the month of June. Christy participated in a Virtual Call with eight site selectors thru Cleveland, Ohio. Water main project for the Ag Business Park has begun, installation of the water tower is scheduled for the week of July 20th.

Tax abatements will be presented to the County Council on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for approval.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – Serenity Alter was not available to present the Health Department report for the month of June. Commissioners received and reviewed monthly report as follows.

The Health Department held 10 routine immunization clinics. During this report period 192 patients were seen for immunizations with 645 vaccines given. COVID-19 testing continues at the Health Department as needed and for all new inmates at the jail. Serenity attended several 4-H meetings and met with area school leaders regarding COVID-19. Dr. Ditty and Serenity will work closely with the area schools to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Vital Records department received \$2,470 in document fees for the month of June. Department printed 98 certified birth certificates and 30 free certified birth certificates, 149 certified death certificates, 0 paternity affidavit, and 0 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates completed 52 restaurant inspections; 2 pre-operational, 2 complaints, and issued 7 food permits. Two follow-up lead inspections were completed. Dan Musselman completed 13 environmental calls, 15 soil reports, 9 residential inspections, 16 residential searches, and 9 OSS permits.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the park department report for the month of June. Dana reported estimated revenue of \$133,962 for June. Park attendance is within Governor’s Executive Orders of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Recent land acquisition of 88.89 acres adjacent to the west end of the park grounds to expand future activities for park. Meantime the land will continue as cash rent farm ground.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department report for the month of June. Paving crews have completed 4.5 miles of roadway with recycled pug mix from asphalt millings reducing the costs and re-using of materials. Crews continued seasonal jobs including culvert work, patching, and mowing.

Jeff reported two surplus dump trucks, a bucket truck, and small trailer will be place in the Logansport city auction on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff requested approval to declare a 36 foot culvert pipe removed from drainage site as surplus. Ryan Browning made a motion to declare used culvert pipe as surplus, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - BID OPENING – COMMUNITY CROSSING RESURFING PROJECTS** – projects include milling and resurfacing of Old State Road 25, and resurfacing of portions on CR 600 E, CR 200 N, and CR 150 N.

Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the following bids received:

**Central Paving, Inc.**

<b>PO Box 357, Logansport, Indiana</b>	<b>Project Site</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
	Old SR 25	\$518,872
	CR 200 N	\$306,044
	CR 600 E	\$279,231
	E CR 150 N	\$32,932

**Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.**

<b>3425 O'Farrel Road, Lafayette, Indiana</b>	<b>Project Site</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
	Old SR 25	\$497,425
	CR 200 N	\$287,922
	CR 600 E	\$271,365
	E CR 150 N	\$31,598

Jim Sailors made a motion to take all bids under advisement, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT** – Ed Schroder requested permission to fill vacant full time correctional officer position and vacant Deputy position. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant positions, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** – Dave Wegner requested permission to fill two vacant part time correctional officer positions. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant positions, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROSECUTOR-** Noah Schafer requested permission to fill vacant full time IV-D Caseworker Position. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant position, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT** – Joe Hoffman presented two sets of change orders for approval. Modifying the exterior of brick and metal panel and modifying the security doors and frames.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve job change orders as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DOC GRANT RENEWAL** – Dave Wegner requested permission to submit DOC Grant Renewal proposal to the Department of Corrections for consideration. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve grant proposal for submission, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLERK-** Beth Liming informed Commissioners the Marriage License Books will be scanned and a portal will be available for researching. The cost of scanning will be paid from Clerk Perpetuation Fund. Beth provided Jeff Stanton a copy of scope of services to be provided by SBS Portals. Project will begin this year and portal available upon completion of scanning. No action by the Commissioners is needed. Beth will inform the Council at next meeting, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2021 SALARY RECOMMENDATION** – Ralph Anderson read aloud recommendation to be presented to the Council on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Recommendation included 3% salary increase for all employees.

**APPOINTMENT** – Jim Sailors made a motion to re-appoint Steve Plank to the Logansport Airport Authority, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PHOENIX AMBULANCE** – Dan Somerville presented 2020 Semi-Annual EMS Report. Phoenix provided services for 1,997 response calls and 1,095 transports. Twenty-three COVID-19 positive patients were transported to high level of care facilities. Phoenix staff provided the majority of the staff for COVID-19 Viral Testing following the outbreak at Tyson facility in April. Over 3,000 individuals were tested in a four-day period.

**2021 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES** – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve 2021 Meeting and Holiday Schedules, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ralph Anderson instructed residents to state their name and address and comments will be limited to three minutes.

Dave Kitchell - 1423 North Street, Logansport – Concerns for well field located at the Logansport State Hospital in relation to the future economic project for the county industrial park. Well field provides water source for the State Hospital and City of Logansport. Concern of effluent from WSP facility will flow over the well field and absorbed into the water source.

Kenny Reese, 3022 Delaware Road, Logansport – 2020 Democrat candidate for Commissioner District 1 and is against WSP.

Tina Ash, 2346 N CR 50 E, Logansport – Concerned for the health and wellbeing of wildlife and animals. Lead and mercury emissions from WSP are harmful.

Anita Rozzi, 1024 Timbercrest Drive, Logansport – Concerned for the health and wellbeing of future generations of Cass County. County Commissioners are to indirectly work to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses. Say no to WSP.

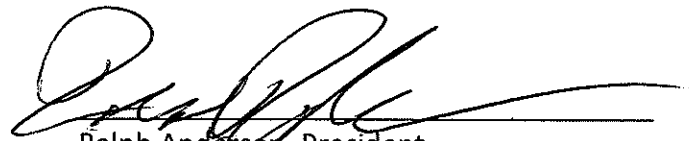
Erika Gutierrez, 2716 CR 375 W, Logansport – Would like to understand Commissioners position on the WSP facility.

Laura Smith, 428 N Chicago Street, Royal Center – 2020 Democrat candidate for Senate District 18 and is against WSP. Commissioners need to listen to citizens' concerns of WSP.

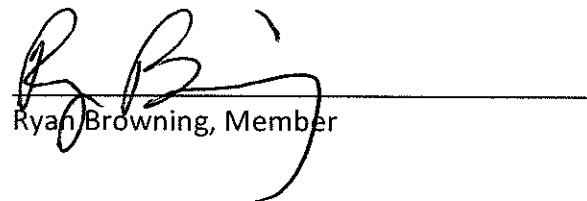
Tim Bonelli, 4293 S CR 650 W, Logansport – Lives in designated Centennial Home located 2 miles north of Clymers owned and built by his wife's family since 1852. The home is a Cass County historical landmark. Concerns of airborne containments from the WSP plant will settle on field crops on his property.

Maximo Gutierrez, 2716 CR 375 W, Logansport - Concerned he will need to move his family to insure their safety due to health risks from WSP company.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Ralph Anderson, President

  
Jim Sailors, Vice President

  
Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST:   
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor