

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 8, 2020

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

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2020, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department report for the month of August.

The Health Department held 11 routine immunization clinics. During this report period 179 patients were seen for immunizations with 453 vaccines given. Thursdays have been added to assist in catching up appointments that were postponed and to space appointment times to help with social distancing in the waiting room.

For the month of August, the Vital Records department received \$3,240 in document fees. The department printed 185 certified birth certificates, 179 certified death certificates, 1 paternity affidavit, and 0 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates completed 59 restaurant inspections; 1 pre-operational, 3 complaints, and issued 8 food permits. One follow-up lead inspection, 2 follow-up meth inspections were completed. Dan Musselman completed 5 environmental calls, 8 soil reports, 3 residential inspections, 15 residential searches, and 7 OSS permits.

Serenity reported Cass County Health Department has partnered with ISDH to provide COVID testing to Cass, Pulaski, and Carroll Counties with the possibility of adding White County. Each county has agreed to forward their grant funding of \$100,000 to provide testing services at the Cass County Health Department COVID Clinic located at 1616 Smith Street, Logansport. Currently the clinic averages 70-90 test per day. CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Grant will provide funding for three part time nurses, 3 office/medical assistants, and increase part time translator to full time for the duration of COVID testing.

Serenity requested approval to hire three PRN nurses, three part time office/medical assistants and increase part time translator to full time to be funded through the CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Grant for the duration of COVID testing.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the additional positions as requested, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Serenity requested consideration to purchase a COVID Rapid Response Analyzer using CARES ACT Funding. The cost would be approximately \$36,000. This piece of equipment would expedite test results and would benefit both Cass County and the Jail.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve request pending equipment contract review, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Serenity reported the current count of positive COVID cases for Cass County 1,898. Testing has increased upon the start of school. School nurses have been trained to administer the test.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the park department report for the month of August. Dana reported estimated revenue of \$108,486 for the month. Park has received \$19,500 in firewood sales already this season, this is the average amount normally received for a full season.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – David Hicks appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department report for the month of August. Community Crossing Projects have begun resurfacing on Old SR 25, 600 E north of Logansport Road, and 200 N between 300 E and 450 E. Roads will remain open with flagmen during working hours, drivers should prepare delays and encouraged to use alternative routes.

Cass Station Bridge lost a second spandrel wall expediting the necessity of demolition. USI informed the department once the project bid is complete the demolition would potentially begin this fall.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the economic development report for the month of August. Christy attended meetings regarding fire suppression maintenance and Broadband Task Force meeting with Senator Donato.

Christy reported three additional easements were obtained for the Fire Suppression Project.

CLERK – Beth Liming presented for approval the following revised Election Voting Center locations:

- Twelve Mile Fire Station
- Royal Center Masonic Lodge
- Cass County Fairgrounds
- Galveston Community Center
- Walton Community Center
- Logansport High School – Athletic Barn
- Senior Center

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the voting center locations as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth requested approval to declare old election equipment as surplus.

Ryan Browning made the motion to deem old election equipment as surplus, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Schroder requested approval to deem the following items as surplus:

- 4-Patrol Car Light Bars
- 1-Siren controller
- 3 Light Control Boxes
- 19- VHF radios from Jail Operations
- 19-Radio Chargers for Jail Radios
- 1-Multiple Bank Radio Charger
- 2-In Car Camera Systems
- Miscellaneous mounting brackets, consoles, wiring and hardware

Ryan Browning made a motion to deem items presented for surplus, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder requested approval to fill one full time and one part time vacant kitchen positions. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant kitchen positions, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder requested consideration of CARES ACT Funding for the estimated cost of \$8,000 to construct a secured room for finger printing that will provide necessary social distancing between public and office staff.

SUPERIOR COURT II- Judge Swaim requested permission to submit ICJI Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant proposal. Grant will provide \$84,137 to provide funding to all criminal justice agencies to help prevent, prepare for and offset the negative effects of COVID-19.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the submission of ICJI Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant proposal, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT – Joe Hoffman presented one change order for approval; modifying hardware, doors and frames of openings to provide a twenty-minute fire rating.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve job change order as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Ryan Browning made a motion to appoint Vickie Lebo to the Logansport/Cass County Public Library Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lebo will finish vacant term of Elizabeth Billman that passed away earlier this year.

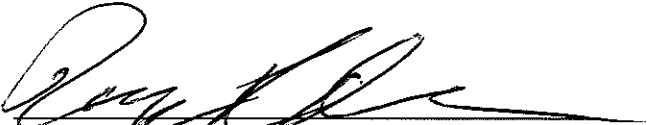
PUBLIC COMMENT – Ralph Anderson announced the next scheduled meeting will begin in twelve minutes, therefore comments will be limited to time allowed. Anderson instructed residents to state their name and address and comments will be limited to three minutes.

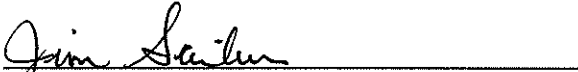
Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Will the water tower contain treated water? How many wells will be filling the water tower?


Ryan Browning water tower is for fire protection at this time. Uncertain as to how many wells are required, two wells currently exist.

Ralph Anderson informed Redweik to direct those questions to the Planning Department.

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


Ralph Anderson, President


Jim Sailors, Vice President


Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor