

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 19, 2022

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Ryan Browning, Ruth Baker, Mike Stajduhar, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn.

Ryan Browning opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL- Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BROADBAND – Matt Mavrack appeared before the Commissioners with an update report. During the month of August additional 19 hook ups were installed. Fiber is being pulled through existing pipe at the Ag Park. Indiana Connectively Program has provided 19 additional residents funding for service hook up. Broadway Broadband can extend hook ups within five miles from the fiber ring. Internet service packages start at \$60 per month.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented monthly report for August. Floor sealant coating was applied to the front entrance of the Government Building and restroom in the Bicentennial Room. Fire alarm system was inspected in the Government Building and a quote is being prepared for smoke detector upgrades. New popcorn machine was installed at the Jail.

Ambulance Spear Street Station duct work changes have been completed. Overhead door opening has been widened and door has been ordered for the Ambulance Garage.

Jail windows have been tinted and storage racks installed on the second floor. Metal beds have been sandblasted and painted.

Richard continues to attend renovation meetings for the Health Department on Smith Street and Jail Expansion meetings.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner presented monthly report for August. Community Corrections received 15 new clients and served a total 185 clients during the month of August. Twenty clients completed the program and eight clients were returned to incarceration on a pending violation.

CLIENTS SERVED	185
• HOME DETENTION	151
• WORK RELEASE	34

Dave reported the IDOC Fiscal Audit has been completed and awaiting results. County budgets for 2023 have been submitted and approved. Community Corrections entered into an MOU with the Sheriff allowing normal sentencing procedure to stay in compliance with Russell v State.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the August monthly report

PRISONER BOOKINGS	143
PRISONERS RELEASED	154
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,936
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	19,248
OFFICER PATROL MILES	31,057
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	182
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	111
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	9
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	40
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	34
PROPERTY DAMAGE	20
PERSONAL INJURY	13
FATALITES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,100
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	346
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:	
CALLS/CASE	16
PRESENTATIONS	2
TRANSPORTATION	0
ANIMAL CONTROL:	
COUNTY CALLS	13
CITY CALLS	37
CONSULTS	11
WRITTEN WARNINGS	9
SHELTERED ANIMALS	22
BITE CASES	7

Sheriff Schroder reported current population of the facility is 211 and should start to receive inmates from Carroll and Wabash counties.

Sheriff Schroder requested approval to fill vacate full time Cook and Matron positions.

Ruth Baker make a motion to approve request to fill full time Cook and Matron positions, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder recognized Deputy Nick Bowyer for his quick response to a house fire in his neighborhood during off hours. Bowyer rescued one resident while waiting for emergency services to arrive. Bowyer was treated and released for smoke inhalation.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented report for the month of August. Cj introduced Century Career Center Intern Crystal Figueroa a senior at Logansport High School. Crystal will intern for an hour and half a day through December.

Preparations have been made for the upcoming general election and a public test was successfully performed. Installed two public terminals in the planning department with touch screens.

Cell phone service repeater antenna was installed on the 1616 Smith Street building to improve signal for the construction crew during building renovations. Clerk's office machines are currently upgrading to laptops. Deputy Coroner's laptop was replaced. New phone base station has been installed at France Park.

IT spent several hours trouble shooting issues at 911 Dispatch office with the IDACS connection. The connection is experiencing frequent short outages, Cj continues to work on the issue with IOT.

Computer has been replaced for the fingerprint scanner at the jail and new fingerprint scanner has been installed for Superior Courts. System updates have been made to the county virtual environment. Quotes are being received for server backup service, virtual environment hardware, and replacing network storage devices. CJ continues to explore new cybersecurity products for the county.

TREASURER – Daphne Slusher requested approval to hire part time office position. Current part time employee plans to retire. Hiring additional part time person will allow time for training before property tax season.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to hire part time office position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RECORDER – Beth Liming presented for approval updated vendor service agreement with Laredo for on-line access to real estate database. Current agreement is several years old in need of verbiage update, fee amounts remain the same. County Attorney Stanton reviewed and doesn't foresee any issues.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the proposed updates for the Laredo Service Agreement upon no findings by County Attorney Stanton, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CCED – Christy Householder presented the Economic Development monthly report for August. Ag Park has a new directional sign and fire suppression system is near complete. Christy made three industry visits and four business retention and expansion visits, thirty-two project meetings with six business leads.

Christy presented READI Grant application for approval. Grant fund will be used for broadband internet connection for approximately 2,213 residents and 57 businesses. Grant amount requested is \$5,000,000 with matching funds of \$1,000,000 provided through the American Rescue Plan Relief Grant and remainder to be match by the company receiving the bid for the project. Request For Proposal (RFP) has been drafted and waiting for attorney’s review to be circulated upon approval of project plan and resolution.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the READI Grant application as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Christy presented Resolution 22-05 READI Grant for approval.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 22-05 as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baker explained each time a project has been approved using American Rescue Plan Grant funding it is necessary to amend the current ordinance.

APPOINTMENT – Ruth Baker made a motion to appoint Molly Long Sterrett to the Airport Authority Board, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Sterrett currently serving city appointment, recently married and now residences outside the city limits. Sterrett will now serve county appointment previously held by Bob Barr.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – None

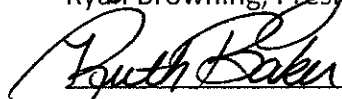
PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

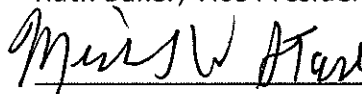
Ruth Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Ryan Browning, President



Ruth Baker, Vice President



Mike Stajduhar, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor