

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 6, 2021

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Ryan Browning, Mike Stajduhar, Ruth Baker, 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 meeting minutes as presented, 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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for November. Crews completed additional two miles of grind level work in Deer Creek Township and additional 1.5 miles of paving in Noble Township. Road and bridge asset management plans received state approval status for future community crossing grant applications.

Davis Street Bridge sidewalk and curb project has been delayed until the first of the year, due to contractor delayed on another project.

Jeff requested approval to fill full time vacant driver position. Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to fill full time driver position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – BID OPENING - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the following bids received for the highway materials:

DEBCO METAL CULVERTS P.O.Box 8 Francesville, IN 47946	Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials
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GMA CONCRETE, LLC 3611 S CR 400 W Peru, IN 46970	Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials
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E3 BRIDGE PO Box 1097 Bedford, IN 47421	Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials
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METAL CULVERTS, INC.
711 Heisinger Road
PO Box 330
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

PRIMCO, LLC
PO Box 9782
Fort Wayne, IN 46899

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

ST. REGIS CULVERT INC.
1101 S. Kitley
Indianapolis, IN 46203

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ENGINEERING AGGREGATES CORP.
2413 South County Road 150 East
P.O. Box 538
Logansport, IN 46947

Item #2 Gravel & Sand per ton
Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton

HANSON AGGREGATES MIDWEST, LLC
3571 W CR 500 South
Peru, IN 46970

Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton

IRVING MATERIALS, INC.
350 N 150 W US 24
Peru, IN 46970

Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton

CENTRAL PAVING, INC.
P.O. Box 357
Logansport, IN 46947

Item #5 Cold & Hot Mix Asphalt per ton
Item #5A Cold Mix Asphalt per ton
Item #5B Pug Mill Mixing per ton
Item #5C Pug Mixing Recycled per ton
Item #5D Chip & Seal per ton

CENTRAL PAVING, INC.
P.O. Box 357
Logansport, IN 46947

Item #6 Calcium Chloride Solution

THE AIRMARKING CO., INC.
1544 North State Road 26
P.O. Box 526
Rochester, IN 46975

Item # 7 Paint & Thermoplastic Markings

ASPHALT MATERIALS, INC.
5400 W 86th Street
PO Box 68123
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Item #8 Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton
Item #8A Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton

MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY, LLC
255 N Belmont Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Item #8 Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton
Item #8A Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton

Ruth Baker made a motion to take all bids under advisement to be determined by County Highway Department, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CORONER – George Franklin present the following report for the month of November.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural	9
Vehicle	0
Suicide	1
Homicides	0
Job Site	0
Infant	0
TRANSPORTS	5
OUTSIDE ASSISTS	0
AUTOPSIES	2

George requested approval to fill vacant deputy position. Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to fill deputy position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for November. The Health Department held 8 routine immunization clinics and one flu shot clinic for County Employees, 228 patients were seen and 333 vaccines given.

Vital Records department received \$2,950 in document fees. The department printed 160 birth certificates and 177 certified death certificates. One request for paternity affidavits, no genealogy searches were received.

Mike Collins completed 63 restaurant inspections, 3 pre-operational, 4 complaints, and issued 50 food permits. Environmental responses included 1 insect inspection, 1 mold inspection, 1 unsanitary living inspection, and 2 follow up calls. Two lead follow-ups and three tattoo salon

inspections. Dan Musselman completed 11 environmental calls, 5 soil reports, 2 residential repairs, 9 residential searches, and 4 OSS permits.

COVID testing and vaccinations continue to be offered Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. located at 1616 Smith Street. 147 children ages 5 -11 received the Pfizer COVID Vaccine during the month of November. COVID booster vaccines are available for those 18 years and older. COVID testing is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cass County remained in “orange” status for the month.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand presented the monthly report for November. Park Department received an estimated revenue of \$14,112 for the month. Park has been completely winterized and crews are cutting firewood for next season.

Sleepy Hollow event held in October was well attended with approximately 4,700 guests participating in park activities and hayride. The annual event earned \$4,021.

DISPATCH E-911 – Amber Offutt was unavailable to present monthly report. The following November monthly report was received and reviewed by Commissioners.

911 Calls	1256
Admin Calls	4683
CAD Screens	2256
Overtime Shifts	47

Two employees were hired during the month of November. Department currently has two full time vacancies.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT – LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICE AGREEMENT Jeff Stanton presented service agreement of legal counsel for ARP Federal Grant. Legal counsel to be provided by Barnes & Thornburg, LLP effective January 1, 2022.

Barnes & Thornburg Attorney, Rick Hall explained the service agreement provides legal guidance on the use of funds as well as federal compliance matters.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Barnes & Thornburg Legal Counsel Service Agreement, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 21-07 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS – APPLESEED SOLAR, LLC Rick Hall presented project agreements for economic development, road usage, and decommissioning. Agreements have been reviewed and concurred by county surveyor and the county highway department. Income to county will be received as economic development revenue with flexibility of use. Assessed land value of the project will increase, providing property tax rate relief. Economic development revenue from the project can be used toward projects that benefit the quality of life in the county.

Commissioner Baker stated she supports the use of fossil fuels and there has been a lot of discussion on solar energy. Baker has listened to a handful of people that oppose this project. This project is about what the people in the south portion of Cass County want to do with their property. It is NOT about what I choose to do with my property. This project will bring revenue into the county. Commissioners are to develop economic programs in the county. This has been a difficult decision for me personally. However, I will accept the motion to approve the resolution presented.

Commissioner Stajduhar added the agreements prepared by Barnes & Thornburg protect the county of unforeseen events and therefore will second the motion.

Attorney Stanton concurred the process has been methodically constructed and reviewed by legal counsel and commissioners, also by county highway department and county surveyor.

Commissioner Browning added the process was slowed down intentionally to provide more opportunity for residents to attend public meetings provided by Appleseed Solar.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07 as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 21-06 TRANSFER OF SURPLUS AMBULANCE FROM CARROLL COUNTY – Mikel Fort requested approval to accept the donation of ambulance from Carroll County. Resolution 21-06 Transfer of Surplus Ambulance from Carroll County was presented for approval.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06 as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 21-10 AUTHORIZING FEES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mikel Fort requested approval of fee schedule for Emergency Services for the county.

Commissioner Browning added the county can offer fees at less cost than a privatized service.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-10 as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEDICAL BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT – Mikel Fort requested approval of Med-Bill Service Agreement providing a computer billing service to receive and process charges for patient services, and maintain patient accounts.

Attorney Stanton reviewed the agreement and requested simple changes. Mikel has worked with the company to prepare the changes to the contract as requested and presented agreement with revisions for approval.

Commissioner Browning added three providers were interviewed before choosing Med-Bill Service.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Med-Bill Corporation Service Agreement as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mikel reported all 18 positions have been filled, 10 of those positions are previous Phoenix Ambulance Service employees.

Commissioner Browning reported the County Cass Emergency Medical Service will go live on December 13th at 7:00 a.m. with two advance life support and one basic life support ambulances.

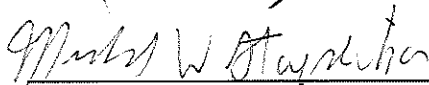
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION - Commissioner Browning recognized Sheriff Schroder for his emergency response in the unexpected delivery of a baby. Because of his quick response both mother and baby are doing fine.

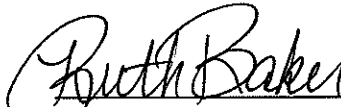
Commissioner Baker appreciated those attending the meeting and showing an interest in our county. Encouraged residents to call or email Commissioners with concerns or stop by the office.

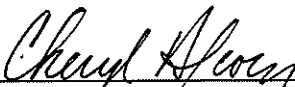
PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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


Ryan Browning, President


Mike Stajduhar, Vice President


Ruth Baker, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Acorn, Auditor