

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 7, 2020

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

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES & EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENTS – Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claims 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 November. Christy reported the water tower is in place at the Ag Park.

Christy attended legislative meeting with North Central Region and the Economix three day conference regarding economic development and meeting with site consultants.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the November report for the Park Department. Dana reported estimated revenue of \$15,671 was received for the month. Park has been winterized and staff are stocking firewood for next season.

Dana reported approximately 2590 people participated in the Sleepy Hollow Haunted Hay Rides and approximately 904 people walk through the event. Park generated \$3042 during the events.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly highway report.

Jeff commended Commissioner Sailors and Anderson for their service and support of the highway department. Over the past decade the department has made many improvements of equipment and facilities, tripled the amount of road miles that received treatment and completed several road and bridge projects. The department could not have accomplished these projects without Commissioners support, on behalf of the Highway Department we sincerely thank you.

Jeff reported equipment has been prepared for winter weather. Three bridge approaches over Deer Creek received minor repair and a washout of bridge over the railroad on Logansport Road was repaired.

Jeff requested grant application approval for INDOT funding that is identical to the recent EDA grant that was submitted last month. If the EDA grant is awarded the INDOT grant will be withdrawn. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the INDOT grant application, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – BID OPENING - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the following bids received for the Highway Department for various items:

DEBCO METAL CULVERTS
P.O.Box 8
Francesville, IN 47946

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

GMA CONCRETE, LLC
1158 Barksdale Ave.
Peru, IN 46970

item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

METAL CULVERTS, INC.
711 Heisinger Road
PO Box 330
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

WALLER'S METER INC.
2606 Wilson Ave.
Madison, IN 47250

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

ZIMPLEMAN EXCAVATING, INC
2501 West State Road 114
Rochester, IN 46975

Item #1 Culvert & Bridge Materials

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

US AGGREGATES
PO Box 68123
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Item #2 Gravel & Sand per ton
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

THE KLINCK GROUP
PO Box 428
Ashley, IN 46705

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

SEALMASTER INDIANAPOLIS
1010 E Summer Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Item #10 Asphalt Crack Sealing

Jim Sailors made a motion to take all bids under advisement until the December 21st meeting at 9:00 a.m., Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – BID OPENING - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the bid received for the purchase of three squad cars:

Mike Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
417 S Third Street, Logansport, Indiana

Option #1:	2021 Dodge per Spec's
	V6 AWD \$27,479 each
Option #2:	2021 Dodge per Sepc's
	V8 RWD \$25,535 each

Ryan Browning made a motion to take bid under advisement until the December 21st meeting at 9:00 a.m., Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR – Destry Richey will be leaving her full time position in the Prosecutor's Office to serve as County Clerk. Prosecutor requested approval to fill the vacant position and the impending vacant position.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve request to fill two vacant full-time office positions, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 20-13 PROPERTY TAX CERTIFICATE SALE – Establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioner's Sale to sell tax sale certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes. Date of sale to be determined sometime next February.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Resolution 20-13 Property Tax Certificate Sale, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BROADBAND PROJECT CONTRACT – Jeff Stanton presented Fiber Optic Network Construction and Maintenance Agreement between Cass County and Miami-Cass REMC for approval. This is a great opportunity for county residents to receive virtual medical appointments and local schools to provide virtual education through internet services.

Rob Schwartz, CEO for Miami-Cass REMC, explained the timeline and the scope of the project. Fiber ring will begin at Twelve Mile area go west to Royal Center then south to Georgetown back east to Logansport go south to Young America onto Walton going north back to Twelve Mile. Project will establish hotspots for all townships.

Jim Sailor made a motion to approve Fiber Optic Network Construction and Maintenance Agreement as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Broadband project is needed, Commissioners stress the need for the school children that are underserved. But the commissioners do not blink an eye for the known effects of lowering IQ's for lead.


Lora asked how ICE Miller claim was processed for payment without an itemized invoice for Council approval. Anderson replied the invoice was itemized and payment is approved by Commissioners.

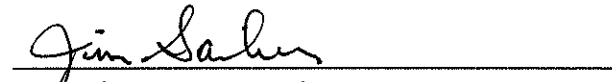
Lora described a time line regarding the appointment of Dave Arnold to the Redevelopment Commission. Lora referenced an email from Commissioner Browning to County Council members regarding his research of the WSP project.

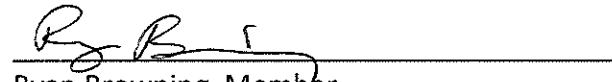
Lora presented a copy of the latest health recommendations by CDC regarding COVID.

Bridget Davis, 909 S Cicott Street, Logansport – Concerns of the health risks from the WSP plant to our community. How can the Commissioners make the decision in thinking that this plant will not harm children, humans, animals, and the agriculture? I hope you all did your research on this. Anderson replied, Commissioners did their research and this project will be good for the county.

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