

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 22, 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 regular meeting and executive session 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.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the January monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	157
PRISONERS RELEASED	130
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	1,952
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,210
OFFICER PATROL MILES	30,688
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	135
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	71
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	8
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	68
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	55
PROPERTY DAMAGE	45
PERSONAL INJURY	9
FATALITES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	19
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	773
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	245
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:	
CALLS/CASE	12

PRESENTATIONS	0
TRANSPORTATION	2
ANIMAL CONTROL:	
COUNTY CALLS	15
CITY CALLS	32
CONSULTS	18
WRITTEN WARNINGS	7
SHELTERED ANIMALS	0
BITE CASES	0

Sheriff Schroder added the turn over rate of correctional officers is down compared to this time last year.

Sheriff Schroder presented for approval Inmate Healthcare Services Agreement Addendum providing full time clerical and part time nurse positions increasing the contract \$66,200 annually.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve amended agreement as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder presented for approval Fulton County Inmate Housing Agreement providing housing of excessive inmates for Cass County. County Attorney has reviewed and upon two small revisions is ready for approval.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Housing Agreement as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder requested approval to deem deputy handgun as surplus. Officer Gary Armstrong is retiring after 20 years of service. Per county ordinance the officer’s weapon may be issued to the officer in honor of the years of dedicated service.

Ruth Baker made a motion to deem deputy handgun as surplus, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder requested approval of \$10 copay, per visit, for inmates to receive medical care.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve medical copay charge of \$10 per visit, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented the monthly report for January. Network equipment and cameras for the jail project are backordered, provisions are being made for temporary equipment for the opening of the jail addition.

Computer deployment server issues have been resolved providing for this year’s rollout of new equipment. Several hours were spent to upgrade virtual servers to new operating system and with AT&T/Firstnet to avoid service interruption when the 3G system shuts down at the end of February.

Cj reported the department assisted in the relocation of the Voter Registration Office to the fourth-floor clerk's office. Training has begun for a new online learning portal to train poll workers on equipment. New precincts setup and redistricting have been completed. Ballot is in preparation and should be ready for testing soon.

CCED – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the Economic Development monthly report for January. Christy made two industry visits and six business retention and expansion visits, five local project meetings, seven regional meetings, six state meetings, with six business leads.

Christy continues to attend planning meetings for the READI Grant and Rural Ag Strategy.

BROADBAND – Matt Mavrick reported the initial ring build has been completed with exception of one section in Walton on Highway 35 at the railroad. Currently waiting for the permit to allow installation above or under the railroad. Splicing has begun along Highway 18 heading west.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented January monthly report and thanked everyone that helped in removing snow at the Government Building.

Clerk rotating file system was removed and carpet replaced. The third and forth floor lighting transformer was replaced and boiler leak repaired on forth floor. Front door lock repaired on the Work Release Office. Roto-rooter cleaned drainage and carpets cleaned at the Consolidated Union Office. Additional bedrooms and storage to ambulance garage were completed.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner presented monthly report for January and distributed 2021 Annual Report. Department averaged 155 clients per day with 5 violators for the month. Department received 20 new clients and 17 clients completed the program.

CLIENTS SERVED	171
• HOME DETENTION	155
• WORK RELEASE	16

Dave gave a summary of the Annual Report showing staffing and strategic plans. Financial reports are included with COVID-19 directives and population demographic statistical summary.

PRE-TRIAL & COURT SERVICES – Hillary Hartoin announced notification of grant award in the amount of \$37,000 to fund new duress system and security cameras.

Hillary requested approval to submit grant proposal, Mental Health & Addition Community Coordination Grant from Family and Social Services through the JRAC Program. Grant provides funding for Peer Recovery Specialist position to provide services in the area of substance abuse and mental health. Position will be subcontracted through Four County Mental Health Services. Grant award available up to \$100,000 in federal funding.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to submit grant proposal as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hillary summarized annual report of the Pre-Trial & Court Services. Cass County was the eleventh county in Indiana to receive certification. The agency supervised 188 clients with a savings of \$912,480 of inmate cost. Mental health screenings are provided at time of incarceration. The department received five grants last year.

EXTENSION OFFICE – Lynn Korniak requested approval to fill summer intern position to begin in mid-May.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to fill summer intern position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the following appointments:

- Health Board Michele Starkey partial term ending 12/2023
- Health Board Dr. Dallas Bowditch partial term ending 12/2025
- County Highway Clerk Angela Zimmerman
- Weights & Measure Inspector Rich Brewer

Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 22-01 WAR MEMORIAL – Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 22-01 approving Agreed Order to convey by Quit Deed to the City of Logansport the property and real estate known as the ‘War Memorial’ located at 706 East Market Street, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baker expressed her support to the City of Logansport in future decisions of the property and will personally donate to their endeavor.

Commissioner Stajduhar endorsed Commissioner Baker’s sentiments, approving this motion will give flexibility and a solution to a long-term problem.

Commissioner Browning added this has been a long-time issue between the county and city. The cost to renovate the building using tax dollars is too much. The city has a good plan to use private investor to rehabilitate the building. Once all the litigation is ended, the county will give the city \$150,000 towards the project and city will take sole ownership.

JAIL EXPANSION – John Painter presented the following change order for approval:

- Install water line for the roof water hydrants. \$1,583

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve under duress the change order presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Browning asked when will CCI and Elevatus take responsibility for construction mistakes. Browning expressed his disapproval of the direction of this project and the management that has been presented by CCI and the planning by Elevatus. Too many mistakes have been made at the County expense, enough is enough.


John Painter will take concerns to construction firm and discuss with the SCO Engineering.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – None

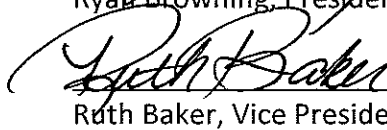
PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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