

## CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 1, 2023

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

Ruth Baker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence.

**MINUTES** – Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**NIPSCO PROJECT UPDATE** – Project Manager Greg Harper provided power point presentation of current project developments. To date approximately 50% of pipeline has been installed and project is on schedule. To provide additional traffic safety an officer has been assigned at State Road 18.

**BID AWARD – SHERIFF DEPT.** – Sheriff Schroder was unavailable to present bid for approval. Commissioner Baker entertain a motion to approve the only bid received from Mike Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

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

(4) 2023 Dodge per Spec's V8 AWD	\$41,947 x 4 = \$167,788
Trade in Value (5) vehicles:	<u>- \$30,500</u>
Total Bid:	\$137,288

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve the one vehicle bid received, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID AWARD – EMS** – Brady Willes requested approval of the only ambulance bid received with provision to securely install refrigerators.

**North Central Emergency Vehicles**  
417 S Third Street, Logansport, Indiana

2023/24 Ambulance per Spec's	\$230,911.00
2024/25 Ambulance per Spec's	\$235,895.00
2025/26 Ambulance per Spec's	\$246,510.00

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve vehicle bid as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brady explained two of the ambulances will be funded through the EMS Non-Reverting Fund and insurance claim reimbursement from total loss ambulance will be used towards the purchase of the third ambulance. Brady noted the insurance claim was returned to the American Rescue Plan Fund where it was originally funded and designated for purchase of new ambulances.

**EMS** – Brady Wiles presented the monthly report for April. EMS responded to 303 calls and provided 188 transports. Average response time of 6:22.

Three paramedic students are on schedule to graduate next month, with one student out with injury. As of today, the department is fully staffed.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** – Dana Hildebrand presented monthly report for April. Estimated revenue received for the month is \$54,517. Today is opening day for the park. Splash Fest owner Caleb Prince will be leasing the concession stand and setting up floating obstacle course by Memorial Day weekend. Depot Store will be open this year.

**CORONER** – George Franklin presented monthly report for April.

CAUSE OF DEATH	
NATURAL	0
COVID	1
VEHICLE	1
SUICIDES	0
HOMICIDES	0
DRUG OVERDOSE	0
SUSPICIOUS	0
JOB SITE	0
OTHER ACCIDENT	0
INFANT	0
TRANSPORTS	2
AUTOPIES	2

George added information about state organization, Suicide Overdose Fatality Review (SOFR), that provides a program guideline for Coroners in the review of overdose and suicide deaths. Coroner and Deputies plan to attend future SOFR meetings.

**DISPATCH E-911** – Tara Grigsby presented monthly report for April.

911 Calls	1343
Admin Calls	4887
CAD Screens	3092
Overtime	49 shifts

Tara reported four new employees completed training. Department has one vacate position. During the last major storm on March 31<sup>st</sup> the department answered a total of 127 calls, of those calls 102 were received between 9:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – Serenity Alter presented the monthly report for April. The Health Department held twelve routine immunization clinics. During this report period 200 patients were seen with 443 vaccines given. Twenty-one (21) latent TB patients and thirty-four (34) lead cases received care and medications if needed. TB medication is provided free of charge through Purdue Pharmacy. One off-site clinic at Camelot Care to assist with vaccine compliancy.

Health education provided to elementary schools included Dental Hygiene, Handwashing and Covering Your Cough, and Tobacco/Vaping Education. A power point presentation the importance of HPV vaccination was provided to Logansport Junior High 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Aging and Memory Loss presentation was given during Area V Senior Citizen Luncheon. Department participated in Earth Day with a display of Smoking/Vaping effects on lungs.

Vital Records department received \$2,430 in document fees. The department printed 180 birth certificates, 104 certified death certificates, and 1 paternity affidavit.

Mike Collins completed 55 restaurant inspections, issued 17 food permits, one complaint, and three pre-operational inspections. Two environmental trash inspections. One lead inspection with four lead follow-up inspections. Dan Musselman completed 7 environmental calls, 5 soil reports, 40 residential inspections, 2 residential searches and 1 residential repair, 1 new construction permit, and 2 OSS permits.

Serenity attended Leadership Symposium in Indianapolis, meeting will continue through the month of May. HIV/Hep V/STD testing will be provided once a month by HIV Ministries. Hearing testing and earwax removal will be provided on Monday mornings by Fairbanks Hear Again.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department monthly report for April. Summer chip seal projects are scheduled to begin in July with approximately 90 centerline miles of roadway. Dust control on gravel roads and mowing will begin in May. With final salt delivery, the department has over 500 tons in storage for next winter.

Jeff announced Community Crossings Grant awarded one million dollars for the CR 300 South reconstruction in the Ag Business Park at Clymers.

Jeff requested approval to fill full-time driver position left vacate by driver accepting a higher paying job.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve request to fill vacate full time driver position, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff requested approval to declare five (5) ditch bank mowers as surplus.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to declare all five mowers as surplus, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 23-04 TEMPORARY TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTION** - Jeff Smith presented for approval truck restriction in the Galveston area due to State Road 18 construction closure and continue through next year’s bridge project same location.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Truck Traffic Restriction Ordinance as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff recognized Road Foreman Pat Brown for 47 years of service with the highway department. Pat is planning to retire at the end of May.

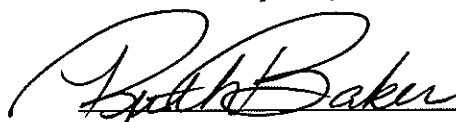
**EXTENSION OFFICE** – Allison Hillis requested approval to fill summer internship position.


Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve request to fill summer internship position, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

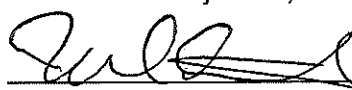
**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECOGNITION** – Commissioner Baker presented a service award certificate to Pat Brown for his 47 years and 2 months of service to the County Highway Department. Jeff Smith accepted the award on Pat’s behalf and will be sure to pass it on to him.

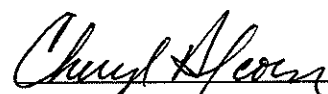
**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Michael Stajduhar made a motion to adjourn, Mike Deitrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Ruth Baker, President

  
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Michael W. Stajduhar, Vice President

  
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Mike Deitrich

ATTEST:   
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Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor