

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 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.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented monthly report for April. Computer system in the new jail is fully installed and tested with Wi-Fi access points in place. Metronet installed a new connection at the county employee health clinic, providing a separate network for Unity Health. Fissel Electric installed 25 cameras in the government building, monitoring all public areas. Cj contacted Security Automation Systems to prepare a quote upgrading cameras and network cabling in the jail.

CCED – Christy Householder was unavailable to presented the Economic Development monthly report for April. The following report was submitted and reviewed.

Christy made four industry visit and eleven business retention and expansion visits, thirty-six project meetings with seven business leads.

BROADBAND – Matt Mavrick presented an update report of the internet fiber project. Crews continue to work north of Young America with 11 additional installs. Access points upgrade is currently underway at France Park, scheduled completion date May 27th. Cass County has been awarded additional grant funding from Indiana Connectivity Program and Next Level Connections providing expansion of the fiber ring into the northwest and southwest portions of the county.

Matt encourages residents to register online at Indiana Connectivity Program. Internet service providers have the opportunity to review these locations and submit bids for state grant funding.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented monthly report for April. Security cameras are installed and operational in the government building. Water control system updated in the existing jail and new camera installed in the laundry room. Door bell installed at the Family Opportunity Center. The fire protection system update has begun in the Dispatch Office.

Richard is coordinating jail expansion project punch lists with Sheriff and Commissioner Baker.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Hillary Hartoin presented monthly report for April. Department received 18 new clients, 19 clients completed the program, and 4 violators returned to jail.

- HOME DETENTION 155
- WORK RELEASE 31

Work Release Crews are placing over 200 hanging flower baskets and barrels throughout Logansport and delivering 5,000 plants to local parks.

Hillary announced the hiring of case manager, Francisco Requeno. This is a new grant funded position for the department.

Department received award notification of Court Technology Grant in the amount of \$42,000 to purchase smart screens for each floor of the court house providing a directory and information center.

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	152
PRISONERS RELEASED	146
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	3,261
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	19,185
OFFICER PATROL MILES	37,808
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	152
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	73
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	5
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	60
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	38
PROPERTY DAMAGE	36
PERSONAL INJURY	2
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	20
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,019
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	290
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:	
CALLS/CASE	18
PRESENTATIONS	5
TRANSPORTATION	1
ANIMAL CONTROL:	
COUNTY CALLS	16
CITY CALLS	46

CONSULTS	28
WRITTEN WARNINGS	12
SHELTERED ANIMALS	26
BITE CASES	1

Sheriff Schroder reported current jail inmate count of 204 with 16 housed in other facilities. An open house of the jail expansion was offered to the public and county employees on May 4th with approximately 250 guests attending.

SHERIFF CAR BIDS - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened one bid received:

Mike Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
417 S. Third Street
Logansport, IN 46947

(3) 2022 Dodge Charger V6 RWD	\$34,423.25 x 3 = \$103,269.75
Trade- In Values (4) vehicles	- \$ <u>7,500.00</u>
Total Bid:	\$ 95,769.05

Ruth Baker made a motion to take the bid under advisement, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith presented for review and signatures the annual operational report to be submitted to Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP).

Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossings Closure Agreement with two locations; CR 950 East in New Waverly and CR 400 W in Clymers. Commissioner Browning entertained a motion to table the contract upon recommended language revisions within the agreement.

Ruth Baker made a motion to table Norfolk Southern agreement upon recommended language revisions, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERIOR COURT II – Judge Swaim requested approval to fill vacant full-time court reporter position. Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to fill full time court reporter position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LOGAN’S LANDING – Becki Harris appeared before the Commissioners with summary update report. MSRP Grant building façade projects are scheduled for completion by June 30th and the Depot will receive a fresh coat of paint in time for the Taste of County event. Last year the downtown district opened 16 new businesses, half of those closed or moved to another location within the year. Annual events are gradually returning to normal participation due to the pandemic. Over 70 volunteers participated in the Downtown Green & Clean Day on April 30th.

Taste of Cass County will be held on August 13th, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the traditional location, along Melbourne Avenue and in the Little Turtle Waterway Park, along the banks of the Wabash. Festivities include; food vendors, kids korner, car show, beer tent, and live music featuring headliner band ‘The Flying Toasters’.

Celebrate Logansport Strawberry Shortcake Day will be held on June 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the downtown Farmer's Market. This is a fundraiser for Logan's Landing, strawberry shortcake tickets can be purchased for \$5.00.

Becki encouraged everyone to come through the Logan's Landing charitable roadblock at Third and Market Street on May 20th and 21st.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION – Leah Walthery presented annual report of educational programs and partnerships created to promote conservation of soil and water resources. Virtual annual meeting was held last February with Purdue Extension honoring Logansport FFA Soils Teams.

Kids Go Wild, an educational program created for elementary-age children, provided nature journal class and hike excursions. Collaborated efforts with LHS art classes and McCord's Do-it-Best provided and created interactive displays to be used for Earth Day and 4-H Fair display. Other community events include; Walk & Talk along the Little Turtle Waterway, Wildflowers on the Wabash at France Park, The Real Eel at Riverside Park, and Arrowhead RC&D Rafting.

CASS COUNTY AREA TRANSIT – Financial Director Brandon Beckman present the 2023 Grant Budget for Cass Area Transit. Brandon requested approval of Resolution 22-03 Authorizing the filing of grant application.


Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve Resolution 22-03 Authorizing Cass Area Transit 2023 Grant Application, Ruth Baker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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