

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 1, 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, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Mike Stajduhar was absent.

Ryan Browning opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ruth Baker made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ALLEY VACATE – GEORGETOWN – Commissioner Browning opened the public hearing regarding alley vacate request by Paula McIntire.

Public Comment – Commissioner Browning opened the hearing for public comment. No public comment was received.

Adjourned – Ruth Baker made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 22-06 APPROVING ALLEY VACATE – GEORGETOWN - Attorney John Hillis presented ordinance for approval of alley vacate located in Georgetown.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-06 approving alley vacate located in Georgetown, Ryan Browning seconded Motion carried unanimously.

DISPATCH E-911 – Tara Grigsby presented the monthly report for July.

911 Calls	1288
Admin Calls	3739
CAD Screens	2391
Overtime	25 shifts

Currently the department has two new hires in training and three vacate positions.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter presented the monthly report for July. Health Department held 10 routine immunization clinics and 259 patients were seen with 436 vaccines given. Serenity reported a continued increase in lead and Lyme Disease.

Vital Records department received \$1,010 in document fees. The department printed 153 birth certificates, 138 certified death certificates, and 1 paternity affidavit.

Mike Collins completed 55 restaurant inspections, 2 pre-operational, 1 complaint, and issued 14 food permits. Mike conducted one insect inspection, two environmental inspections, one environmental follow up, nine swimming pool inspections, and two lead inspections. Dan Musselman completed 9 environmental calls, 14 soil reports, 5 new construction permit, 7 septic system permit, 13 residential septic location searches, and 7 requests to connect to existing OSS systems.

Serenity reported building renovations have begun at the Smith Street COVID Clinic. During renovations, COVID testing and vaccine will be offered at the Health Department on High Street. Health Department is opened Monday and Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Tuesday and Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EMS – Brady Wiles presented the monthly report for July. EMS responded to 323 calls and provided 212 transports. Average response time was 1:23 with average scene time of 15:23.

Brady reported billable services provided include; 141 ALS and 90 BLS calls with 1,394 miles. Total amount billed for the month was \$267,064.

Brady informed the Commissioners of recent hiring the department will be fully staff as of next pay period.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith presented the monthly report for July. Crews worked most of the month on cutting berm and brush. Before the end of the month crews begun pug mix paving. Box culvert installation on CR 800 S at bridge #161 is finished and road has been re-opened.

Jeff reported drainage lines have been installed and removal of old pavement is currently underway on the CR 400 S project. Road damage at the borrow pits on CR 400 W north of Clymers will be repaired by the contractor responsible for the damage.

Department had 76 man-hours of overtime as a result of thirty trees downed by storms. Preliminary numbers show the current four-day work week have saved approximately \$3,200 in overtime since May compared to this time last year. Gasoline usage is lower with estimated 450 gallons less since May. Working the four 10-hour day schedule increased the work volume especially during chip seal projects.

BID OPENING – COMMUNITY CROSSINGS RESURFACING PROJECTS – Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the following bids received:

	BASE BID	ALTERNATE BID (Virgin Binder)	LOCATION
Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc	\$163,220.70	\$185,220.70	Northern Ave.

3425 O'Farrell Road	\$326,725.00	\$376,225.00	CR 100 N
Lafayette, IN 47905	\$50,597.50	\$54,887.50	CR 50 E
	\$77,940.00	\$87,400.00	Chase Road
	\$595,455.00	\$716,035.00	CR 50 E/SR 218
	\$254,377.50	\$303,277.50	CR 300 N
Central Paving, Inc.	\$144,693.20	\$153,698.20	Northern Ave.
PO Box 357	\$285,018.00	\$306,393.00	CR 100 N
Logansport, IN 46947	\$28,949.00	\$30,704.00	CR 50 E
	\$62,747.00	\$66,617.00	Chase Road
	\$586,714.00	\$643,242.00	CR 50 E/SR 218
	\$247,974.00	\$270,874.00	CR 300 N

Ruth Baker made a motion to take bids under advisement, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand presented the monthly report for July. An estimated revenue of \$128,916 was received for the month. Campers provided a fifty-minute fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration. An estimated \$20,635 was received in gate fees over the holiday weekend.

CORONER – George Franklin was unavailable to present monthly report for July. The following report was submitted and reviewed by Commissioners.

CAUSE OF DEATH	
NATURAL	10
COVID	0
VEHICLE	0
SUICIDES	1
HOMICIDES	0
DRUG OVERDOSE	0
SUSPICIOUS	0
JOB SITE	0
INFANT	1
TRANSPORTS	2
OUTSIDE ASSISTS	0
AUTOPIES	3

RES. 22-04 RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURES – Attorney Jeff Stanton presented Resolution 22-04 approving the closure of two Norfolk Southern railroad crossings located in Clymers and New Waverly. Attorney Stanton confirmed with Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith of the crossing locations and agreement to install active warning devise at the adjacent crossing on CR 800 E at no cost to the county.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04 Railroad Crossing Closures as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

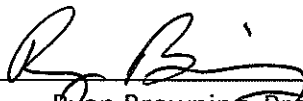
- 0620-40 Install steel plate in the bulkhead of cell A154. \$681.42
- 0930-9 Framing and backing of bulkhead in cell A154. \$888.24
- 620-39 Epoxy flooring in mental health area. \$4,937.34

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the change orders under duress, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

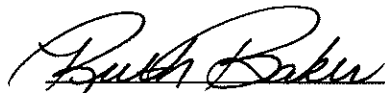
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECOGNITION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT – Ruth Baker made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



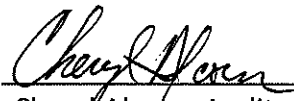
Ryan Browning, President



Ruth Baker, Vice President



~~Abstained~~
Michael W. Stajduhar, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor