

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 16, 2021

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Ryan Browning, Mike Stajduhar, Ruth Baker, 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 as presented, 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.

BROADBAND PROJECT - Mike Barron appeared before the Commissioners with update report for the month of July. As of today, crews have placed 119 miles of fiber and all permits have been approved. Project timeline is on schedule, splicing has begun on the main ring. Connection service will begin for residents in the east side of the county by late September.

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	127
PRISONERS RELEASED	148
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,714
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	20,030
OFFICER PATROL MILES	81,396
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	75
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	37
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	3
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	42
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	40
PROPERTY DAMAGE	36
PERSONAL INJURY	4
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	26
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	831

CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED 299

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS: no report – schools on summer vacation

ANIMAL CONTROL:

COUNTY CALLS	27
CITY CALLS	45
CONSULTS	18
WRITTEN WARNINGS	8
SHELTERED ANIMALS	18
BITE CASES	0

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for July. Rollout of dell laptops, purchased through COVID grants fund, will soon be completed. Jail is starting video conferencing with Four County Services, equipment has been ordered and work has begun to set up technology service. New Wi-fi system is fully deployed and working well.

Cj is waiting for Census data information for the redistricting project. IT department is exploring a new printing service to save printing costs. Additional back up SD Card has been added to the cash registrar at France Park.

IT Department had break down and set up of equipment during renovations in the Clerk’s office and Sheriff’s department.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for July. Roof top units were serviced on the Government Building. Refrigerator and stainless-steel table have been installed at the Jail. Inducer motor was installed in the water heater at Work Release. Dock seals and bumpers have been installed on the new dock at the Annex Storage Building. Thermostat was moved in the ambulance garage.

Richard attended jail expansion meetings and continues to work with architect and project manager on scheduling issues.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for July. Department averaged 148 clients per day with a total of 6 violators for the month. Department received 25 new clients in July, 17 clients completed the program. Community Corrections provided services to eleven juveniles during the month of July.

CLIENTS SERVED 169

- HOME DETENTION 139
- WORK RELEASE 30

Dave reported work crew completed over 300 hours of community service for the month of July. Staff participated in Defensive Tactics Training in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department. Community Corrections expanded classes offering Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, and a Women's Beyond Trauma Group. Class are also available online in a virtual classroom.

CCED – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the Economic Development monthly report for July. Christy visited two industrial and four business retention expansion sites. Attended the following number of project meetings; eight local, eleven regional, one state, and received three business leads.

Christy attended site selection events in New York and Michigan City meeting with over 20 site selectors. Also, attended regional READI Grant Meetings including six counties; Cass, Fulton, Clinton, Miami, Howard, and Tipton counties. Grant offers \$500 million for economic development, application is due in September.

AD VALOREM SOLUTIONS CONTRACT – Cathy Isaacs requested approval of Ad Valorem Solutions contract for reassessment services. County Attorney has reviewed and confirms contract is in order for approval. Ad Valorem has served the county more than 20 years in ratio studies and field work including data entry.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Ad Valorem Contract as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY – Kim Felton requested approval to fill vacant part time security position.

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

AIR QUALITY PRESENTATION – WSP representative Mike Englert, presented air monitoring data collected for the months of March, April, and May of 2021. Standard air monitor unit is located on rooftop of county owned building at Fifth and High Streets, Logansport. Samples are collected every sixth day for a 24-hour period. Data is based on three-month averages.

Air quality during the three-month time frame revealed lead concentration of .00247 ug/m³. Lead national ambient air quality standard is 0.15 micrograms-per-cubic meter on a three-month rolling average.

WSP will begin production hiring in October with raw material delivered in November. December the materials will be fed to the kiln with full production beginning in January.

JAIL EXPANSION – John Painter presented for approval change order for laundry backflow preventer in the amount of \$980.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve formal change orders as presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RFPQ – County Attorney Stanton presented Request for Proposals/Statement of Qualifications (RFPQ) for structure renovation projects. The purpose of RFPQ to identify a proposer that can provide an overview scope of projects. Projects include renovations of health department, probation and community corrections departments.


PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bob McDaniel, 2664 South State Road 25, Logansport – Why is the location of air monitor down wind of the Exide Plant? How much noise is the kiln going to make?

Melissa Harrison, 3914 South 400 W, Logansport - When is it policy that a facility coming to town can put their signs in someone's yard in the middle of the night? Why wasn't the air monitor put in Clymers?

ADJOURNMENT

Ruth Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Ryan Browning, President



Mike Stajduhar, Vice President



Ruth Baker, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor