

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 17, 2020

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Ryan Browning, Auditor Cheryl Alcorn, and Attorney Jeff Stanton.

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENTS – Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the CARES Act claims for grant reimbursement as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for the IT Department.

Cj reported bids for phone system update have been received and are being reviewed. IT department is preparing for delivery of new Storage Area Network devices. A cybersecurity system, 'Fireeye', funded by the Indiana Secretary of State, has been installed and deployed.

Cj is working with Health Department in providing internet and phone service to new COVID testing site located in the former Logansport Cancer Center on Smith Street.

Cj requested permission to fill vacant part time position. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the request to fill part time position, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for July.

Richard met with vendors regarding cleaning and disinfecting supplies for COVID -19 and discussed pest control contracts with providers. Jail and Government Building were treated several times with disinfectant. Government Building exterior windows were cleaned.

Consolidated Union building changed the south roof top unit, the All Phase building installed new garage door opener, and renovations completed at the Ambulance Garage.

Richard attended Jail Expansion meetings with architect and project manager.

Richard requested permission to fill vacant full time position. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve request to fill full time position, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	144
PRISONERS RELEASED	131
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2906
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	17,248
MEALS SERVED TO WORK RELEASE	822
OFFICER PATROL MILES	185,821
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	95
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	43
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	1
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	27
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	39
PROPERTY DAMAGE	37
PERSONAL INJURY	0
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	23
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,389
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	291
SRO CALLS/CASES	0

Sheriff Schroder requested permission to fill two full-time vacant correctional officer positions. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill correctional officer positions, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK – Beth Liming presented for approval the following Election Voting Center locations:

- Twelve Mile Fire Station
- Royal Center Town Hall
- Cass County Fairgrounds
- Galveston Community Center
- Walton Fire Station or Walton Community Center
- Millers Merry Manor
- Senior Center

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the voting center locations, removing Millers Merry Manor and adding Walton Community Center as an alternative location, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth gave an update on new election equipment. Vendor contract is under review with Secretary of State Office. Election Board approved schedule for delivery of new equipment this week. Training will begin first part of September.

INDOT LAND ACQUISITION – Ralph Anderson presented INDOT request for land acquisition located at Sixth and High Street. Request for two-foot square section of land to correct the elevation of handicap ramp in relation to the cross walk push button. Agreement include acquisition amount of \$1,000.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request for land acquisition as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT – Joe Hoffman presented three change orders for approval. Alterations of interior windows, window sealants, and steel walkway canopy.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve job change orders as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ralph Anderson stated public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Residents shall state their name and address.

Peggy Billiard, 296 W CR 275 N, Logansport – Encourage commissioners to do more research regarding the WSP project.

Lora Redweik, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – What is the status of the proposal agreement between Cass County Citizens Coalition and Commissioners?

Commissioner Ralph Anderson responded, after a review of the document submitted and conversation with counsel, the County Commissioners have no interest in signing an agreement with the Cass County Citizens Coalition. Not only does such an agreement lack any form of legal consideration, but such document is only designed to distract from addressing the merits of the project. Each Commissioner has followed the law and the Oath of Office that they each executed at the time they were sworn into office. They have faithfully, diligently and impartially discharged their duties as County Commissioners. The Commissioners unequivocally state that they are not receiving any personal benefit from WSP or any company with an interest investing in our community. Any suggestion that they are receiving a financial benefit because they will not sign such an agreement if false. The Commissioners will make no further comment regarding this issue as the Commissioners are parties to litigation pending in the Cass County Superior Court.

Redweik replied, the response by Commissioner Anderson did not cover all items in the agreement such as employment or the employment of family.

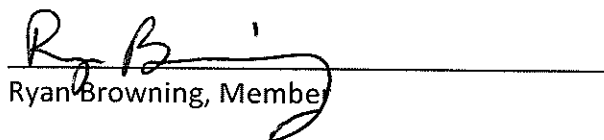
Ralph Anderson, Commissioner – I have done my research. This is a good project and is good for the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Ralph Anderson, President

Absent
Jim Sailors, Vice President


Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor