

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 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 meeting 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.

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS	159
PRISONERS RELEASED	150
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,748
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	19,687
OFFICER PATROL MILES	73,605
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	144
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	66
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	4
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	44
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	32
PROPERTY DAMAGE	28
PERSONAL INJURY	4
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,133
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	299

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

CALLS/CASE	13
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CALLS/CASE	13
PRESENTATIONS	2
TRANSPORTATION	4

ANIMAL CONTROL: no report available, Animal Control Officer on medical leave

Sheriff Schroder reported as of September 15th the jail had 223 inmates; 179 were males and 44 females. Male population was 80% white/20% non-white and female population was 93% white/7% non-white. Jail kitchen was inspected by Health Department, no violations were reported.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for August. Ricoh desktop copy machines have been installed and video conferencing system in the Jail is fully assembled for inmate use with Four County classes. Installation of new network monitoring software suite has improved the flow and documentation of data traffic. Miami Cass REMC will begin work at France Park upgrading WiFi service.

New visitation system, Homewav, is being installed at the Jail. Fiber optic internet service for the new system is being coordinated with Homewav and Comcast. Visitation phone will also be installed for attorney and inmate use.

Cj continues to transfer county cell phones to new provider, FirstNet.

Cj requested the following outdated items to be deemed surplus:

- Ricoh 201 desktop copy machines
- Ricoh 305 copy machines

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the items presented for surplus, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for August. Richard met with Republic Services regarding contract renewals for trash removal and recycling service. Installation of carpet is finished at the Jail and all padded cells repaired and repainted. Fire alarm system inspected and tested at the Jail. Generators serviced and load tested at Jail and Work Release Building.

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 August. Department averaged 153 clients per day with no violators for the

month. Department received 20 new clients, 21 clients completed the program and provided services to three juveniles.

CLIENTS SERVED	170
• HOME DETENTION	136
• WORK RELEASE	24

Dave reported work crew completed over 268 hours of community service for the month of August. Department received 2022 IDOC Grant Award Letter continuing funding and additional funds for one more case manager to be hired next year. Staff participated in Defensive Tactics Training in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department. Community Corrections and Pretrial Services received three doctoral students from Purdue University and Four County, providing individual counseling in the facility and jail. During the first two week of September six work release residents test positive for COVID-19. Those clients are isolated or moved to home detention electronic monitoring.

Dave recognized the retirement of Randy Rozzi, the long-time case manager will be missed.

Dave requested approval to fill full time and part time vacant Correctional Officer positions. Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request to fill full time and part time positions, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Christy attended several READI Grant meetings coordinating regional projects and preparing grant proposal for September 30th deadline. READI Federal Grant will provide \$50 million to 10 qualifying regions within the state.

BROADBAND PROJECT - Matt Mavrick appeared before the Commissioners with update report for the month of August. Last month, crews installed 15 miles of strand and 5 miles of fiber on the east portion of the county. Customers are being contacted and installs are being scheduled. Next segment will head south down State Road 18 to the west toward Young America. Project timeline remains on schedule.

Fiber is installed at France Park, splicing for access points and testing will be done before going live.

REPUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENTS – Richard Gundrum presented Republic Service Agreements for trash disposal and recycling service for the county government facilities and France Park. Trash disposal service term continues for 36 months and new recycling services for one year. France Park will remain as a on call pick up as needed service. Attorney Stanton reviewed agreements and confirmed documents are in order for approval.

Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve Republic Service Agreements as presented, Ruth Baker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK – Destry Richey requested approval to fill vacant full-time position. Position will handle back up of criminal cases and voter registration for elections.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – Arin Shaver requested approval to fill vacant full time office position.

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

Arin presented Letter of Intent in working with the Friends of the Panhandle Pathway to extend the Panhandle Pathway Trial along US Highway 24 West located on France Park property. Arin requested approval of Letter of Intent and recommendation of \$20,000 from CEDIT as matching funds for Next Level Trail Grant.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent and positive recommendation of \$20,000 CEDIT Funds for Next Level Trail Grant matching funds, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AREA FIVE – GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM – Linda Johnson, Program Director requested \$5,000 donation to fund programs and services benefiting low income and disadvantaged elderly residents. Guardianship Program is supported by the Indiana Supreme Court funding awarded through a grant process that requires 50% of local matching funds.

Mike Stajduhar made a positive recommendation supporting Area Five Guardianship Program in the amount of \$5,000 from CEDIT Funds, Ruth Baker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT – CASS EMPLOYER CLINIC – Ryan Browning presented request from Cass Employer Clinic for the purchase of medical equipment. The clinic serves county and city employees, cost of equipment will be shared between county and city based on the number of employees. County portion will be 63% of cost and remaining cost provided by city. A local agreement for shared cost of purchase between county and city will be created for approval.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of requested medical equipment, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Ruth Baker made a motion to appoint Rex Danley to the Fire District #1 Board, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Danley will fill appointment left vacant upon the unexpected passing of board member Jeff Asselin. Partial term ending December 31, 2021.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – None

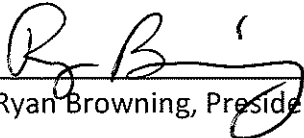
PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Will the medical equipment be purchased with ARP Grant funds? Commissioner Browning replied, no.
Has it been discussed to use ARP Grant funds for rescue equipment and training in the event of another incident out at the truck stop? No reply

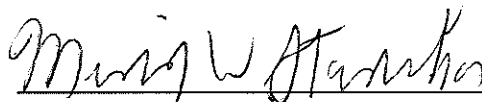
Susan Jarrell, 2405 Hastye Hyll, Logansport – Asked for consideration of using ARP Grant funding for the cost of rescue training to be prepared for possible emergency situations when WSP opens.

ADJOURNMENT

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



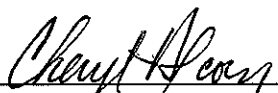
Ryan Browning, President



Mike Stajduhar, Vice President



Ruth Baker, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor