

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 19, 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, Auditor Cheryl Alcorn, and Attorney Jeff Stanton. Ryan Browning was absent.

Ralph Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Chief Deputy Kevin Pruiett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for September.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	145
PRISONERS RELEASED	139
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	3306
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	19,193
OFFICER PATROL MILES	181,168
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	122
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	87
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	2
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	23
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	35
PROPERTY DAMAGE	30
PERSONAL INJURY	5
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	26
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,182
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	355
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS	

CALLS/CASES	10
PRESENTATIONS	4
TRANSPORTATION	0

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for September. New voting machines set up and poll worker training was performed in the court house in preparation for early voting on October 2nd. IT Department assisted poll workers the first day of early voting with minor equipment issues and explained the new equipment to voters. New voting system will upload election results from reports taken off the election machines.

Jury trials are now back in session for all three courts. IT Department provided use of technology through portable televisions to be compliant with COVID social distancing guidelines.

IT Department set up computers with the ability to print barcoded labels for test specimens at the new COVID Testing Clinic.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for September. Government Building, Jail, Health Department, and Employee Health Clinic continue to be treated often with disinfectant.

Richard reported the installation of two wall pack lights on the exterior east wall of the Jail along Fourth Street and finished upgrading lights in the parking lot, signage, and flag to LED lights. Work Release heat exchanger in the men’s dorm was replaced and heat exchanger unit is up and working at Consolidated Union building.

Richard extended appreciation to the Dave Wegner and Work Release Program for clearing an area for dumpster site at the new COVID Testing Center on Smith Street.

Richard attended Jail Expansion meetings and continues to work with architect and project manager regarding the new jail addition.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – DOC 2021 GRANT – Dave Wegner reported the DOC 2021 Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$431,121 for the first six months of the grant. State will review the grant after general assembly for the next two-year cycle, the remaining portion of the grant will be review for last six months of the year.

Dave inquired about the status of CARES ACT Grant request for reimbursement of body scanning equipment. Commissioner Anderson stated the reimbursement request will be considered in December, requests are being prioritized.

ORD. 20-10 BROADBAND INITIATIVE – Arin Shaver introduced Ordinance 20-10 establishing the process and procedures of internet infrastructure for county wide broadband services.

Ralph Anderson added the county has been working on this project for over two years through the WHIN cooperative grant with ten other counties. Projected time schedule would take five to ten years through the WHIN grant. It is apparent over the last eight months that students need broadband access capabilities to complete studies at home. Establishing our own broadband initiative will expedite the infrastructure development.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Ord. 20-10 Broadband Initiative as presented, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

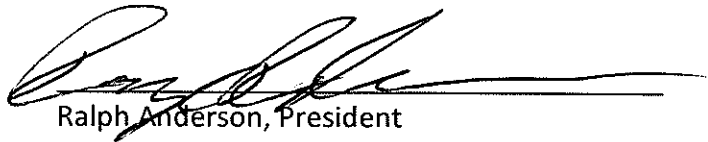
ORD. 20-11 AMEND HEALTH DEPT. SERVICE FEES – Health Department requested approval to amend the service fees to cover the increase of vaccine cost.

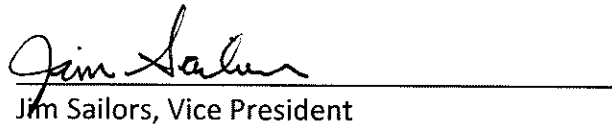
Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the amended service fees as presented for the Health Department, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

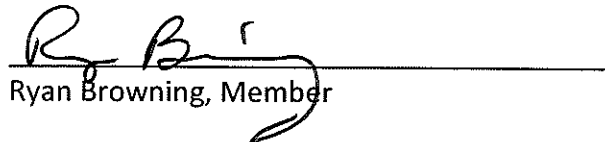
PUBLIC COMMENT – None

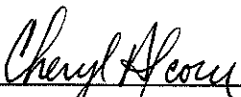
ADJOURNMENT

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Ralph Anderson, President


Jim Sailors, Vice President


Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor