

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 21, 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 December 7, 2020, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for November. The Health Department held 6 routine immunization clinics. During this report period 246 patients were seen for immunizations with 480 vaccines given. Two flu immunization days were held during the month of November; one for children and one for adults.

For the month of November, the Vital Records department received \$4,025 in document fees. The department printed 156 birth certificates, 244 certified death certificates, 1 paternity affidavit, and 1 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins completed 45 restaurant inspections; 0 pre-operational, 0 complaints, and issued 2 food permits. Three environmental inspections and two follow-up inspections. Dan Musselman completed 14 environmental calls, 6 soil reports, 4 residential inspections, 9 residential searches, and 5 OSS permits.

Serenity and Dr. Ditty continue to assist administrators at area schools, long term care facilities, daycares, assisted living facilities, and local businesses for COVID testing and procedures. Weekly to bi-weekly teleconferences with Indiana State Department of Health to report the COVID status of Cass County. Currently the county is at a code level “orange” with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

Serenity reported administrating COVID-19 vaccine has begun for staff at Logansport Memorial Hospital, over 200 vaccines were given. Vaccines will be received in January for Phase 1B, to include the remainder of the front-line workers, first responders, essential workers and the high-risk population.

Serenity requested approval to hire extra help to administer vaccines. Payroll cost for extra help will be funded through recently awarded COVID Vaccine Grant of \$40,000. Extra help will be hire as temporary and only utilized as needed.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve request to hire 3 temporary part time positions, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for November. Paper products were ordered and received for next year. Future projects for 2021 include; lighting upgrades, carpet, additional card door swipes, and alarms on sanitary sewer manholes at the jail.

Richard reported disinfectant treatments were completed several times in all county buildings. Jail lobby lights were changed to LED and added motion sensors. Installed wall pack lights on exterior of Family Opportunity Center and 911 Center for security.

Richard continues to solicit for temporary part time maintenance.

Richard commented it was seven years ago when Commissioner Sailors and Commissioner Anderson took a chance and hired him. They both have done a hell of job looking out for the county employees.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for November. A temporary network switch was installed and server is being upgraded at France Park. Eleven new computers were setup in the Prosecutor’s office. Intercom system was upgraded at work release building.

Election board received request from the State to match precinct names in both data base systems; GIS System and Statewide Voter Registration System. Cj presented Order Renaming of Precincts for approval. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the order as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cj reported equipment orders have been placed for next year’s computer rollout from HP. Proposals for new telephone system have been reviewed. Level 365 contract for new phone system has been reviewed by county attorney and is ready for Commissioners approval.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve Level 365 contract agreement as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cj commented to Commissioners Sailors and Anderson that it has been a pleasure to work with them over the past twelve years and appreciate everything they have done for the IT Department.

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

PRISONER BOOKINGS 139

PRISONERS RELEASED 147

MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2519
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,002
OFFICER PATROL MILES	196,035
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	134
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	54
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	6
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	44
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	46
PROPERTY DAMAGE	40
PERSONAL INJURY	5
FATALITES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	17
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1088
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	287
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS	
CALLS/CASES	13
PRESENTATIONS	2
TRANSPORTATION	1

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

Sheriff Schroder reported 44 inmates and 4 employees tested positive for COVID last week. Sheriff Department is working with the state and local Health Departments to be sure health guideline procedures are followed. Infected inmates have been segregated from the rest of the jail population. Sheriff Schroder extended a thank you to Richard, Serenity and Cj for the work they have been doing at the jail. Sheriff Schroder thanked Commissioners Sailors and Anderson for helping him to learn the many processes involved in county government over the past couple years.

SHERIFF CAR BID AWARD – Sheriff Schroder presented the following bid for approval to purchase three vehicles.

Mike Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
417 S Third Street, Logansport, Indiana 2021 Dodge per Spec’s
V6 AWD \$27,479 each

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the bid presented by Sheriff Department for purchase of vehicles, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BID AWARDS – HIGHWAY MATERIALS – Jeff Smith recommended accepting all bids for 2021 materials that were opened and presented at the December 7th meeting. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept all bids presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BRIDGE DEMOLITION QUOTES – Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the following quotes received for Cass Station Bridge demolition:

Beaty Construction, Inc \$884,840.00
5292 W. 100 N
Boggtwon, IN 46110

JCI Bridge Group \$1,014,000.00
PO Box 368
LaPorte, IN 46352

Jutte Excavating, Inc \$648,750.00
1140 Fort Recovery-Minster Road
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Primco, Inc. \$744,292.33
PO Box 9782
Fort Wayne, IN 46899

Renascent, Inc. \$839,000.00
935 W Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Jim Sailors made a motion to take all quotes under advisement until Highway Superintendent can review and confirm proposals meet specifications, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER OFFICE – Cindy Howard requested approval to fill part-time position in the Treasurer’s Office. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve request to fill part-time position, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Howard added her gratitude to Commissioners Sailors and Anderson for everything they have done for the county.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Community Corrections requested approval to fill one vacant full-time correctional officer. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve request to fill vacant full-time correctional officer, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT – Mark Ryan presented change orders for approval; replace column baseplate, landscaping, limestone removal, electrical conduit on two gates, and cylinder locks.

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

RES. 20-05 CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES – Ralph Anderson presented Resolution 20-05 establishing procedures for the receiving and disbursing of CARES ACT grant funding per State Board of Accounts. County Council approved the resolution at their last meeting and forwarded to Commissioners for their approval.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve Resolution 20-05 CARES ACT Reimbursement Procedures as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INCARCERATED OFFENDERS PROVIDER AGREEMENT – FSSA – Ralph Anderson presented FSSA Agreement providing eligible inmates Medicare services while incarcerated.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve Incarcerated Offenders Provider Agreement as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Commissioner Anderson opened the meeting to public comment, limiting comments to three minutes and expect proper behavior.

Peggy Billiard, 296 W 275 N, Logansport – Appreciated the good work Commissioners Sailors and Anderson have done during their tenure with the county. Concerns of heavy metal toxicity from the WSP facility. She is a lifelong resident of Cass County with health issues from high levels of lead in her system. Concerned the county paid an Indianapolis law firm \$280,000 while our school children are on free and reduced lunches.

Bridget Davis, 909 S Cicott, Logansport – Commissioners have allowed a poisonous plant to build in our back yard, with our money. Residents, physicians, businesses, and community leaders have opposed the WSP project. My wish is that WSP withdraws from Cass County, because you will not admit that you made a mistake.


Dave Price, 220 Cotswald Ct., Logansport – Commissioners have failed the community. What is it that Commissioners know about the WSP project, that the community doesn't know? Why did you vote for this?

Ellen Blevins, 1731 Wright St., Logansport - Commissioners have deceived the community. Despite the all the factual documentation and public hearings against the WSP, you allowed the project. We are going to make sure every future generation knows what individuals ruined this community.

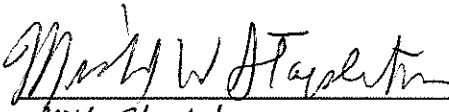
Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – What is the amount received for the CARES Act grant? How long is the grant term and is it renewable? Appreciated the Commissioners good work over the years and looks forward to the new administration with Ryan Browning as the lead. They will be watching Browning to see what he can do to take this county into the next two years. Thank you, Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Ryan Browning
~~Ralph Anderson, President~~



Mike Stajduhar
~~Jim Sailors, Vice President~~



Ruth Baker
~~Ryan Browning, Member~~

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor