

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 2017

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Jeff LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Auditor Cheryl Alcorn. Jim Sailors opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES - Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the February report for the Park Department. Total revenue of \$8586.00 was received for the month of February.

Work continues on removal of dead Ash Trees. A total of 240 dead trees have been cut down. Cleaning and preparation of camp sites have begun, campsite rentals are filling up. Camping start date is set for May 1st.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the February report for the Highway Department. A total of 83 man hours of overtime was reported due to a winter storm.

Bridge #19 replacement project was completed on February 22nd. The metal grate bridge on 900W between 850N and 900N was replaced with a concrete structure.

Jeff requested approval to fill a vacant full time driver position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacant position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff requested permission to prepare bid advertisements for vehicle budgeted items; two dump trucks and one pickup truck. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approval bid advertisement for two dump trucks and one pickup truck, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A road conversion request for 1100S between 100E and 200E was considered. The petition, containing 30 signatures, was presented to the commission. Todd Gelhausen, 11828 S 200 E, Galveston and Rick Collins, 1609 E 1100 S, Galveston express their concerns for the road conversion. Jeff Smith reported the projected cost for this conversion would be around \$36,000, or \$1200 per vehicle mile. The traffic count revealed 29 vehicles per day with two residences located on the road segment. Commissioners explained the current budget could not support the additional cost of maintaining the road surface after the conversion. Ralph Anderson made a motion to deny the road conversion request for CR 1100 S, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the CCED monthly report. Christy recently met with Lt. Governor and attended regional meetings. Project Blue North Star Exchange for Walton was approved last month. Our workforce region has been awarded \$6 million through the Workforce Grant. Redevelopment Commission recently approved the funding for the recycling system at the Heartland Truck Stop & Wash.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION– Arin Shaver presented a request for approval of right-of-way for a Forgey Subdivision at 1250 South, West of 200 East. Property will be split into two lots and the dedication of right-of-way will run along the north side of the road for 25 ft. Planning Commission gave primary approval for the subdivision and now request right-of-way dedication approval from Commissioners. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the dedication right-a-way for Forgey Subdivision, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE - Michael Bowditch, Consolidated Union, presented a list of last year's services provided to the county. Michael recommended continuing the current coverage services for policy renewal. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the renewal of the current insurance coverage plan, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 2017-01 – REGULATING THE USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES/TABLETS IN THE CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING – Created to eliminate the interruption of cell phone/tablet usage in Court and County offices. The usages of such devices are disrupted to the conduct of daily business procedures. Jeff LeDonne made the motion to approve Cell Phone Ordinance 2017-01 effective April 1, 2017, Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried 2 yeas, 1 nay by Ralph Anderson

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 2016-08 - Jim Sailors gave explanation of the ordinance and the effective date, May 31st.

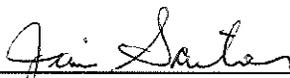
PUBLIC COMMENT – Brian LaDuct, 7091 W 550 N, Royal Center, appeared before the Commission regarding the recent request for road conversion at CR 550 N. Mr. LaDuct presented a list of county roads that have been chipped and sealed with less traffic than CR 550 N. Commissioners will look into possible cooperative solutions with property owners.

Jeremy Hall, County HR Director, announced the upcoming Civic Players production of Steel Magnolias at the State Theatre, March 24th, 25th - 7:30 p.m. and March 26th - 2:30 p.m.

Ralph Anderson, County Commissioner, announced 4-H Fund Raiser Fish & Tenderloin Dinner on Saturday, March 11th 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cass County Fair Grounds. Adults \$10.00 and Children \$6.00

ADJOURNMENT

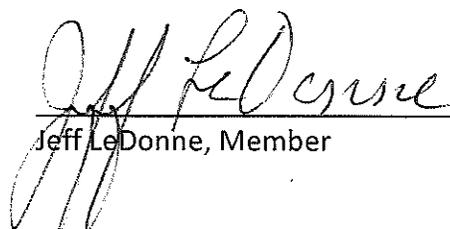
Jeff LeDonne made a motion to adjourn, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor