

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 4, 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.

JDAI PROGRAM UPDATE – Judge Burns gave an update report on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. Cass County is one of 19 counties involved in the public safety initiative program, since 2015. The program is grant funded through the state, providing an alternative solution for juvenile low level offenders. A steering committee meets monthly, four work groups were created from the steering committee membership. The three year initiative was created to provide financial support to develop an ongoing program for low risk juvenile offenders. Cass County received second annual JDAI Grant in July 2017.

SUPERIOR COURT I & SUPERIOR COURT II – Jim Sailors explained the need for additional full time positions in Superior Courts I & II as a result of the increasing jail population. Clerk's Office currently has three vacant full time positions. Technology improvements, in the Clerk's Office, require less paperwork and manpower. Therefore it was recommended, only one of the three vacant positions will remain in the Clerk's Office and the remaining two vacant positions moved to the Courts. Ralph Anderson made a positive recommendation to the Council moving two full time positions from Clerk's Office; one position to Superior Court I and one position to Superior Court II, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the Health Department report for the month of November. The Health Department held eight routine vaccination clinics and two adult flu clinics. There were 213 patients seen for routine immunizations and 546 vaccines were given.

For the month of November the Vital Records department received \$3,010 in document fees. Department printed 99 certified birth certificates and 28 free certified birth certificates, 199 certified death certificates, 1 paternity affidavit, and 2 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates completed 21 restaurant inspections for the month of November and issued 10 food permits. Five environmental inspections were completed with one follow up inspection. Three lead inspections were conducted. Dan Musselman completed 2 new construction residential and 2 new construction commercial inspections, 6 soil profiles, 18 environmental issues, and 7 OSS permits with 8 OSS final inspections.

Serenity reported for the month of November, 3 child passenger safety inspections were completed with 9 new seats distributed and installed. Serenity and Nichole Brown recently attended the 2017 Indiana Vital Record Association Fall Conference. Serenity will continue to serve on the IVRA executive board for 2018.

Serenity introduced the new Health Educator Laci Hensel. Laci will offer a monthly Child Safety class at the Health Department starting December 18th.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the November report for the Park Department. Total amount received during the fall Sleepy Hollow event this year was \$2,534.25.

Dana reported water lines have been winterized and crews continue to remove trees and split wood for next year's sales. Construction of new storage building has begun, framing completed and trusses are being set.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the November report for the Highway Department. Bids were let on November 15th for Phase II of the 400 S Project. Low bid was from 3D Company of Muncie, at \$2,800,000.00. The project runs from 400W to 300W and is scheduled for completion by late summer.

Jeff reported the 18th Street Bridge Rehab Project bid letting is scheduled for January. Construction is expected to begin in the spring, resulting in a closure of up to six months. This project will overlap with the West Market Street Bridge Replacement Project.

Crews completed the last road grind for the season on 800 E in Tipton Township. Patching machines were secured for the winter and 150 tons of salt was received to start the winter season.

Jeff informed the commission bid opening for 2018 materials and supplies, and Community Crossing resurfacing projects is set for January 2nd and bid awards scheduled for January 16th.

Jeff requested approval of amended INDOT-LPA supplemental contract for 400 South Reconstruction Project, Phase III. Amendment includes terms of schedule to project timeline. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approval amendment of INDOT-LPA 400 South Reconstruction Project, Phase III Supplemental Contract, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the CCED monthly report. Christy reported progress continues for Project Seed, Project Breeze, Project Sing, and Project Outdoors.

Christy attended meeting with Walton Town Board regarding residential incentives for 2018. Christy is working with local industries and leaders receiving support letters for the Skill Up 3 Grant.

Christy continues to work with Lewis Cass High School for future Poly-Tech Center.

Res. 2017-04 PARTICIPATION WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION – Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 Participation Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to reappoint Arin Shaver as Member and reappoint Dana Hildebrand as Alternate Member to serve a two year term beginning January 2018 to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Commissioners awarded a Certificate of Excellence to Lewis Cass Band for achieving First Place in the State Marching Band Competition. Lewis Cass Band Director,

Andrew Muth, and two student band members received the certificate on behalf of the marching band.

Jim Sailors informed those attending that public comments would be limited to 3 minutes and asked to state their name and address before making comments. Comments are to be of points of interest that have not been addressed by a previous speaker. There will be no discussion or questions answered during public comment. There are forms available on the front table to submit questions to the commission.

Susan Selim, 2681 E 375 N, Clay Township – opposed to the proposed wind farm, concern for the quality of life for her three children, one has autism and other two have sensory processing issues. Wind turbines will disturb the tranquility of the peaceful country living that they now enjoy.

Judy Kellums, 7285 W 1000 S, Lucerne – opposed to the proposed wind farm, asked for consideration of the following; setbacks changed to 2640 feet of the property lines not at the residential buildings, lower the sound levels, add a public nuisance cause, and create a decommissioning plan.

Lisa Zimpelman, 6908 S 150 W – opposed to the proposed wind farm, concern of wind turbine height to the established setback footage to the property lines. Other wind power nations factor setbacks on sound and shadow flicker.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to the proposed wind farm, concern of the setback is only 1000 feet from her home. Sara requested an evening meeting for those that cannot attend during the work day.

Brenda Rusk, 4127 N Royal Center Pike – opposed to proposed wind farm, concern for the setback to property lines for future building structures.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of ground vibration from wind turbines and how that will effect underground gas lines. Concerns of a potential lease buy out from a foreign country.

Barb Troyer, 9490 State Road 16, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concern of selling of our air space to the wind turbine company located in England. Concerned of the possibility the project will bankrupt.

Laura Redwick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of the ill effects to farm animals as a result of ground vibration and energy that comes from the turbines. Concerned the only school benefiting from this business venture is Logansport Schools. Concerned the project's underground infrastructure will affect ditches and drainage.

Adam Speicher, 4794 W 650 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns about how wind turbines will effect wild life and birds.

James Bean, 29 E 550 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of airspace for Military Flights. The northern part of Cass County is part of a Military Operating Area (MOA) for flight training.

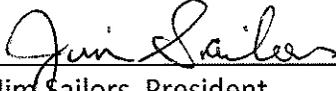
Jim DeWitt, 3137 W 800 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, all the large farms surrounding his five acres have signed up for this project. Concerned the wind testing tower will be 500 feet from his property line.

Roger Dillman, 2506 W 400 S – opposed to proposed wind farm, concern of accessibility for life line helicopter services in a rural area in case of an emergency situation.

Jim Sailors thanked everyone for their comments and encouraged each of them to submit their questions to the commission.

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