

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 21, 2018

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.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.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with the April monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	201
PRISONERS RELEASED	181
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,733
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,924
OFFICER PATROL MILES	34,044
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	168
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	153
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	5
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	53
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	34
PROPERTY DAMAGE	32
PERSONAL INJURY	2
FATALITES	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,197
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	502

I.T. Department – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the I.T. Department Status Report for the month of April. Cj reported the primary election went smoothly with one concern for power service at the fairgrounds' poll location. A generator was provided by EMA if such a power situation was to occur.

A new software program for the Jail, designed by Elias, was deployed on May 14th and is up and running. Receipt printer at France Park has been repaired and camp store financial spreadsheet system up and running for the camping season. New video conferencing system will be installed in the Bicentennial Room, availability and cost of the system will be shared with Community Corrections.

Cj reported the testing of hardware compatibility of the new Solid State M2 drives, were found to be incompatible and will be returned. The Barracuda web filter proxy server will be replaced in the near future.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Government Building southeast elevator upgrade is completed including the installation of card swipe device. Work will soon start on rearranging the Superior Court Offices coordinating additional pass thru windows into the hallway. Conversion of evidence room into an office on the second floor is finished. Richard extended a thank you to Dave Wegner and Dave Houser for arranging work release crews to clean the grounds and spread mulch around the Government Building, Jail, and 520 High Street plaza.

Jail received three new water heaters in mechanical room and two large monitors were installed for intake area. Work Release north east corner of the building exterior was tuck pointed and repaired. Family Opportunity Center a new basement door was installed. Consolidated Union building roof top unit air conditioner expansion valve was replaced. Ambulance Garage cooling unit was serviced.

WIND CONTRACTS – Jason Semler, Umbaugh & Associates and Rick Hall, Barnes & Thornburg LLP presented power point presentation of Harvest Energy, LLC Contracts and the financial aspects of the wind farm project. Presentation of the proposed contracts was for information purposes only. Proposed contracts will be available on the county web site. A public hearing will be scheduled in the near future for questions and discussion.

Jim Sailors addressed Rick Hall to affirm the presentation was based upon 200 Mega Watts with \$25,000 per additional Mega Watt. Mr. Hall concurred.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner informed the commissioners the 2018-2019 IDOC Grant was fully funded including an additional grant to fund a full time probation officer for the Pre-Trial Supervision Program. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the IDOC Grant and supplemental as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded.

Dave Wegner requested approval of one full time probation officer position to be fully funded by the Pre-Trial Supervision Program Grant. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve grant funded full-time probation officer position for the Pre-Trial Supervision Program, Jeff LeDonne seconded.

Dave Wegner requested approval to fill two vacant part-time positions and two additional part-time correctional officers. No increase to the budget will be necessary for the additional positions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill two vacant part-time and two additional part-time correctional officers, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – Jeff Smith presented for approval Annual Operational Report for submittal to the state. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve Highway Department Annual Operational Report, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeff presented a list of items to be deemed surplus for approval.

- Table
- Bookcase
- Chalkboard

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve items for surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & COMMISSIONER MEETING SCHEDULE – Jim Sailors presented for approval next year’s meeting schedule and list of holidays the county offices will be closed.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule and 2019 Commissioner Meeting Schedule as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Jeff LeDonne made a motion to reappoint Bob Barr to the Airport Authority Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Cindy Schmaltz, 6795 N 450 W, Royal Center – concerns the vibration from wind turbines will affect the underground NIPSCO pipelines. Requested commissioners’ consideration to delay the vote for the wind project to allow more time for research.

John Baker, 4293 N State Road 17, Logansport - the wind farm project should not continue until the law suit against the wind project ordinance has been determined.

Jessica Krantz, 3294 E 150 N, Logansport – concerns of the height of wind turbines in relation to information given in presentation and when public hearing will be held and when notice will be advertised.

Ruth Baker, 1808 W 500 N, Logansport – concerned the wind farms will be outdated before they are put up, like old cell phones.

Lora Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – concerned for reimbursement of legal fees if the wind farm project doesn’t go through and what is the height and number of wind turbines the figures shown in the presentation are based on.

Daniele Mullinax 6785 N 100 E, Denver – concerned of flight training of the 122nd Indiana Air National Guard Fighting Wing, based in Fort Wayne, in relation to the wind turbine project.

Paige Woodhouse, 4477 W State Road 16, Royal Center – concerned the Federal Aviation has not approved the request of wind turbines at 685 feet.

Susan Selim, 2681 E 375 N, Logansport – stated the county comprehensive plan does not reflect industrial development outside the Hoosier Heartland Corridor.

Jim Thomas, 10086 E 900 N, Twelve Mile – concerned for the rights of non-participating property owners regarding the wind farm project.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – asked those in attendance if they would rather have the savings on property taxes as projected in the presentation or continue to pay property taxes at current rates. Response received was in favor to continue paying taxes at current rates.

Bill Hook, 5453 E 425 N, Logansport – requested wind turbine setbacks from the property line not the residence.

Brenda Rusk, 4127 Royal Center Pike, Royal Center – concerned for the health safety of residents living within the wind farm area.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – concerned for the tranquility of country living being compromised by the wind turbines.

Paige Woodhouse, 4477 W State Road 16, Royal Center – concerned for the military operational air space in the northern part of the county that has lower ceiling regulations than Grissom Airforce Base.

Kenny Reese, 3022 W Delaware Road, Logansport - plans to run for commissioner in 2020, because the people need to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

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



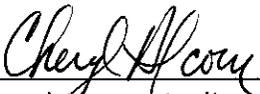
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Acorn, Auditor