

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2018

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.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy will take part in establishing a new state program this summer, “Economic Impact of Early Childcare & Learning”, to begin next year. Christy attended the North Central Youth Summit for high school juniors and seniors exploring the careers of advanced manufacturing and engineering. Christy reported Eli Lilly announced a grant opportunity for our region, Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) Grant to promote advanced manufacturing and advanced agriculture.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. Crews are preparing roads in need for summer repair and working on culvert drainage issues.

Jeff reported the 18th Street Bridge rehabilitation project is ahead of schedule. West Market Street Bridge replacement project received only one bid that was rejected in the April letting. The project will be re-bid on May 10th.

Ord. 18-02 AMEND TRAFFIC SIGN CR 650S – CR 300E – Jeff Smith requested approval to change yield sign to a stop sign on CR 650 S at CR 300 E, due to a newly constructed pole barn on the corner of the intersection.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve amendment to traffic sign on CR 650S at CR 300E, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TWO RIVERS ON TWO WHEELS BIKE TOUR - On behalf of the Cass County YMCA, Jeff Smith presented a request for the 10th Annual Two Rivers on Two Wheels Bike Tour to be held on June 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The tour route remains the same as in past years.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the use of county roads for the annual Two Rivers on Two Wheels Bike Tour, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. During the month of April, Serenity attended the Indiana Safe Sleep Conference and the Indiana Vital Records Association Spring Conference. Debbie Grimes was recently hired as the Health Educator.

Serenity reported the 2nd Annual Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Awareness and Prevention took place on May 5th at LHS Stadium with guest speaker, Senator Randy Head. The event was well attended and a great success.

Serenity requested approval to fill summer intern position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill summer intern position for the Health Department, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

For the month of April a total of eleven immunization clinics were held and 257 patients were seen with a total of 579 vaccines given. Nurses administered the 2nd dose of Meningitis B to high school students at Lewis Cass, Pioneer, and Logansport High Schools.

Vitals Records department received \$3,685 in document fees for the month of April. Department printed 203 birth certificates, 25 free birth certificates, 159 death certificates, 2 paternity affidavits, and 5 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 17 food permits, performed 67 food inspections, 7 environmental inspections, and 5 follow up lead inspections in the month of April.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the April report for the Park Department. Water lines and wells have been prepared and tested for the camping season. Additional water spigots and electrical meter bases have been installed. Depot Store and Concession Stand will be open during camping season. Annual startup procedure was completed and reported to IDEM. Park is officially open for the 2018 season.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - Randy Pryor requested approval to fill full-time vacant correctional position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to fill full-time vacant position, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - Lisa Swaim request approval to purchase a vehicle for Adult Protective Services. Lisa received approval from the State to use state grant fund for vehicle purchase.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to purchase APS vehicle with state grant funding, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL RECREATION ROOMS CONVERSION – Jim Sailors explained the need to convert recreation rooms to provide additional inmate beds. This is the first phase of the jail expansion project and will be funded with current building bond money that is still available.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve architectural contract for the Jail Recreation Rooms Conversion Project, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Sailors informed those attending to state their name and address before making comments.

Ruth Baker, 1808 W 500 N, Logansport – read aloud Cass County Mission Statement and challenged commissioners to protect and service all citizens of Cass County by implementing and facilitating good sound business practices while trying to development economic growth in our county.

Cindy Schmaltz, 6795 N 450 W, Royal Center – opposed to the wind farm project, concerns for the peaceful tranquility of country living will be compromised.

Lynn Rodgers, 1361 E 650 N, Lucerne – concerns of living within an industrial wind turbine project and negative effects caused by them. Urged commissioners to amend setback distance of wind turbines.

Bill Rodgers, 1361 E 650 N, Lucerne - opposed to the wind farm project, setbacks are unfair to non-participates. Request setbacks to be amended to 2,000 feet.

Phyllis Showley, 3248 E 650 N, Logansport – recited findings regarding issues of wind turbines.

Mike Baker, 4612 N State Road 17, Logansport – concerns of wind turbine vibrations into the grounds will affect aquafer.

James DeWitt, 3137 W 800 N, Royal Center – concerns of how the 1000 feet setback for wind turbines will affect the eleven residents within the area he lives in.

Cathy Miller, owns property in Fulton County that borders the Cass County line – opposed to wind turbines, asked when residents’ questions will be answered.

Deidra Dodt, 5193 W 800 N, Royal Center – asked if an independent study could be conducted regarding the wind project.

ADJOURNMENT

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



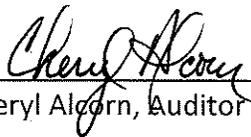
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor