

# CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 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.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the March report for the Park Department. Construction of an overflow culver has been completed and is being installed on the fishing lake. The first Disc Golf Tournament for the year will be held April 8<sup>th</sup>. Campsite reservations for the Memorial Day weekend are at full capacity. Staff continues to work on repairing electrical and water lines.

**CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy explained a program offered by Federal Government, Opportunity Zone is an area determined by income and population to be declared for new market tax credit incentives. Christy applied for two Opportunity Zones, south side of Logansport and industry parks including Grissom AFB.

Christy met with Work Ethics Regional Planning Commission regarding certification with county schools.

Christy reported tax abatement reminders were mailed to businesses. Regional Center for Manufacturing is in the planning stages to train industries and retail business in the area. JLUS final meeting will be held next Monday for Grissom AFB.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. Crews replaced damaged culvert, due to last month’s flooding, located on CR 600 W near Royal Center. The department continues gravel road maintenance and pothole patching.

Jeff reported the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge rehabilitation project has begun and is scheduled to reopen to traffic no later than September 4<sup>th</sup>. West Market Street Bridge replacement project is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> INDOT bid letting, closure schedule is not yet known.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – TRUCK BID AWARDS** – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners and presented bids for their approval.

		UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Wiers International Trucks</b>			
<b>2111 Jim New Drive, Plymouth, Indiana</b>			
Quantity 2	2019 International HV507	\$74,800.00	\$149,600.00
<b>Terry Truck Equipment Inc.</b>			
<b>2960 W 200 North, Winamac, Indiana</b>			
Quantity 2	Dump Truck w/bed plow spreader, hydraulics	\$48,750.00	\$97,500.00
<b>Hare Chevrolet</b>			
<b>2001 Stoney Creek Road, Noblesville, Indiana</b>			
	2018 Silverado 3500 Reg. Cab	\$32,283.00	

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the bids presented by the Highway Department for purchase of two (2) dump truck chassis, two (2) truck beds with plow/spreaders, and one (1) pickup truck, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. For the month of March a total of six immunization clinics were held and 132 patients were seen with a total of 332 vaccines given.

Vitals Records department received \$3,380 in document fees for the month of March. Department printed 184 birth certificates, 17 free birth certificates, 148 death certificates, 2 paternity affidavits, and 2 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 6 food permits, performed 70 food inspections, 7 environmental inspections, 2 lead inspections, and 1 Meth follow up inspection in the month of March.

Serenity reported for the month of March, 7 car seats were distributed and 1 safety seat checks were completed. One sleep safe class was offered and a total of 7 pack and plays were distributed.

Serenity requested approval for an extra help position during the summer months to cover for two employees taking medical leave to be paid out of the Health Maintenance Grant carry over. Jim Sailors stated the extra help will be treated the same as seasonal help. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request for extra help position to cover shortage at the Health Department, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ord. 18-01 AMEND CELL PHONE USAGE** – Jim Sailors requested motion to amend current ordinance allowing the use of cell phones for recording public meetings. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve amendment to Cell Phone Usage Ordinance, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CASS COUNTY VISITOR BUREAU** – Toni Savini appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Visitor's Bureau annual report. Numerous marketing grants were given out for the year. A list of print and radio advertising was presented, along with print marketing. The mobile app and website continue to be updated. The bureau funded \$10,000.00 for the upcoming Ohio Valley Baseball Tournament.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jim Sailors informed those attending to state their name and address before making comments. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes.

Pastor Tim Minick, 105 Center Ave, Royal Center – concerns of the location of wind turbines in proximity to his church and the effects wind turbines will have upon his church during services.

Deidra Dodt, 5193 W 800 N, Royal Center – read aloud Cass County Mission Statement and reminded commissioners of their obligation to the community.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – concerned who will be responsible for wind turbine liability issues.

Kyle Reed, 3049 W 500 N, Royal Center – presented findings of wind turbine hazards and concerns for the safety of children playing closely to wind turbines.

Lora Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – concerned the wind turbine company is not telling the truth about the size of the turbines.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – concerns wind turbine setbacks need to be calculated in proportion to height.

Margaret Hubenthal, 2851 E St Rd 16, Lucerne - concerns the council is not handling the wind turbine project in a democratic manner.

James DeWitt, 3137 W 800 N, Royal Center – provided a study by Purdue University on large bird kills resulting from wind turbines.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Jim Sailors, President

  
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Ralph Anderson, Vice President

  
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Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor