

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 5, 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 excluding claims #66864 and #66866 to be placed on hold, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. For the month of February a total of nine immunization clinics were held, six immunization clinics were held at each elementary school in the county for sixth grade entry requirement, and 299 patients were seen with a total of 768 vaccines given.

Vitals Records department received \$2,490 in document fees for the month of February. Department printed 151 birth certificates, 22 free birth certificates, 94 death certificates, 0 paternity affidavits, and 8 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 7 food permits, performed 50 food inspections, 3 environmental inspections, and 6 lead inspection follow ups in the month of February. Dan Musselman completed 3 soil profiles, 19 environmental issues, and 3 OSS permits with 1 OSS final inspections.

Serenity reported for the month of February, 6 car seats were distributed and 3 safety seat checks were completed. Health Department received an additional \$500 through the Child Passenger Safety Grant to purchase supplies for the install station. Board of Health will meet on March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Health Department.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the February report for the Park Department. The maintenance shop metal ceiling with spray insulation has been completed. Spray insulation was installed in the Depot Store ceiling in an effort to keep the store cooler in the summer months. Water spigots and connectors are being replaced throughout the camp grounds. Removal of dead Ash Trees continues, estimated 350 trees have been removed, cut and split for campground fire wood.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy reported The Anderson's Clymers Ethanol recent equipment expansion of \$500,000.00.

Christy met with north region legislatures and site consultants. Agribusiness Park signage is progressing, installation projected within two months. Christy is working with the town of Twelve Mile in obtaining property addresses for an income survey mailer, for community building project grant application.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. The department used over 328 hours of overtime during the month of February for snow removal, flooding, and high wind damage. Six

roads were closed long term due to high water, including 7 foot culvert washout on CR 600 W.

Jeff reported the 18th Street Bridge will close on Thursday, March 8th for rehabilitation. Project is expected to last up to six months. The department is conducting roadway assessments, filling potholes, and preparing equipment for summer road construction.

Jeff requested approval to declare 1990 Elgin Crosswind Vac Sweeper Truck as surplus. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve vac sweeper as surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY – Phil Loos appeared before the Commissioners with the 2017 Security Annual Report. Phil reported 938 weapons were intercepted, of which seven were guns. Security Officers generated 36 incident reports and 64 employment background checks were completed. Updated emergency response manual was distributed to all departments. Officers were recertified in defense tactics, first aid/CPR and firearms.

Phil requested approval to hire an on call temporary officer to fill in for Officer Lytle while on medical leave. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the temporary position as a on call basis, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – Jeff LeDonne made a motion to appoint Johnny Guy to the Planning Commission, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Dr. Edward A. Lebrija and Dr. Vivek Sahgal to the Health Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE – Michael Bowditch, Consolidated Union, presented an updated schedule listing of services provided to the county. Michael recommended continuing the current coverage services for policy renewal. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the insurance policy contract for 2018, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CASS COUNTY VISITOR BUREAU - Toni Savini was not able to present the Annual Visitor Bureau Report due to illness. Commissioners received copies of the annual report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Sailors informed those attending to state their name and address before making comments. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes; if comments become disorderly the meeting will be adjourned.

Paige Woodhouse, 4477 W State Road 16, Royal Center –concerns of how funds provided from RES will be allocated to schools and school districts with wind farms show a decrease in school population. Paige provided research findings showing the revenue received from RES cannot be deposited into the general fund for teacher salaries.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – continued reading the research findings provided by Paige Woodhouse.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – requested an evening meeting out of respect for those that work during the daytime and all those involved deserve to hear both sides before anything is signed.

Kyle Reed, 3049 W 500 N, Royal Center – concerned the wind farms will lower property values.

James DeWitt, 3137 W 800 N, Royal Center – provided information from two term Governor of Oklahoma, Frank Keating, regarding zero emissions tax credit for industrial wind industry.

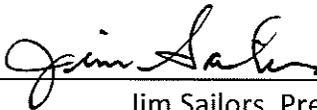
Jacob Pomasl, 919 Marleton Road, Logansport – presented letters from Miami County residents in regards to the wind farm project.

Lora Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – informed Commissioners of the Open Door Law permitting the use of video cameras during a public meeting.

Judy Kellums, 7285 W 1000 S, Lucerne – concerned this is a money issue not an environmental energy issue. County residents would rather pay higher taxes than create an eyesore.

ADJOURNMENT

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



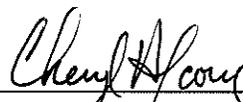
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor