

## CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 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 July report for the Park Department. Park attendance for the month was approximately 9,200 with estimated revenue of \$83,438. Park staff is in the process of clearing honey suckles on trails and improving the putt putt golf course.

**CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy is working with the workforce region to capture funds from the Skill Out Three Grant and seeking local industries to participate in a September Job Fair at Grissom AFB. Christy is involved in the Underemployment Study to determine how to provide higher paying jobs for the county.

Christy introduced Ice Miller to the YMCA for their upcoming renovations and continues to provide assistance to the economic development project at Third Street and Miami Avenue.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. Crews have completed approximately 5 ½ miles of paving and assisted the city with asphalt milling. Sign shop replaced the deputy and visitor parking signs in the jail parking lot.

Jeff reported the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project continues on schedule with completion date of September 4<sup>th</sup>. Market Street Bridge project had a delay due to a phone line that wasn't located. Greentown-Reynolds power line project has been completed and payment for road damage was received in the amount of \$369,000. 400 South project phase two has resumed with projected completion before the height of harvest season.

Jeff gave an update on area state projects; US 24 resurfacing will begin on the east side of the county and a contract has been awarded for resurfacing of SR 17 from Northern Avenue to SR 16. Routing of the super load transport has been changed to travel US 35 to Monticello Road, going east in the westbound lanes for the length of Monticello Road to connect to US 24, avoiding the downtown area. Super load transport is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. Vitals Records department received \$3,975 in document fees for the month of July. Department printed 216 birth certificates, 23 free birth certificates, 178 death certificates, 1 paternity affidavits, and 3 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 13 food permits, performed 100 food inspections, 2 pre-operational food inspections, 3 environmental inspections, 3 follow up lead inspections in the month of July. Dan Musselman completed 10 soil profiles, 2 residential inspections, 17 environmental calls, and 7 OSS permits.

Serenity requested approval to replace vaccine cooling unit estimated \$3,000 to \$4,000 with monitoring system alarm when temperature drops. Commissioners will look into options to resolve the problem.

**CLERK** – Beth Liming requested approval to surplus several cases of end tab fastener file folders. Ralph Anderson made a motion to place the folders into office supply room for county use and declare folders as surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT** – Randy Pryor requested approval to fill one vacant full time and one vacant part time correction officer positions. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve request to fill vacant correction officer positions, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Wyndi Thompson, 2638 N 6215 W, Royal Center – Ms. Thompson is the director of Angels of Mercy. Ms. Thompson invited county officials to a meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. regarding emergency procedures for the county.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – Inquired about an update and timeline of the wind project. Jim Sailors responded the county is waiting to hear from the wind turbine company.

Lora Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – Inquired if Barnes & Thornburg is still on retainer for the wind project. Jim Sailors responded the legal firm is available when needed. Ms. Redweick inquired when the next plan commission is meeting. Jim Sailors responded the plan commission is scheduled to meet next September. Ms. Redweick requested a section of the economic development contract of the wind project, referring to zoning ordinance in regard to setback limits, to be omitted. Ms. Redweick asked if anyone on the commission is current investors in the Harvest Wind Project. Commission response was no.

Ralph Anderson gave an update on Miles for Main Street fundraiser. Aaron Anderson began his fundraiser bike ride last Friday and is now in Springfield Illinois.

Cindy Schmaltz, 6795 N 450 W, Royal Center – Requested a plan commission meeting to discuss changing the zoning ordinance of the wind project. Jim Sailors responded the plan commission is scheduled to meet next September.

**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:   
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Cheryl Acorn, Auditor