

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 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, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. The department used over 416 man-hours of overtime during the month of January for snow removal.

Jeff reported the County Road 400 S at Clymers is currently closed for phase 2 of the construction project. The 18th Street Bridge rehab project is tentatively scheduled to begin the first full week of March.

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

2000 International Dump Truck VIN#9495

2000 International Dump Truck VIN#9496

2006 GMC 15000 Pick Up Truck VIN#3274

Jeff requested permission to prepare bid advertisement for new vehicles and equipment; two dump trucks, one pickup truck, and heavy equipment paver.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve items for surplus and permission to advertise bids for new vehicles and equipment, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. For the month of January a total of nine vaccination clinics were held, three school clinics were held at each high school, and 252 patients were seen with a total of 647 vaccines given.

Vitals Records department received \$4,030 in document fees for the month of January. Department printed 172 birth certificates, 38 free birth certificates, 225 death certificates, 2 paternity affidavits, and 4 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 41 food permits, performed 52 food inspections, 0 environmental inspections, 1 lead inspection, and issued 2 Tattoo permits in the month of January. Dan Musselman completed 4 new construction residential and 0 new construction commercial inspections, 2 soil profiles, 22 environmental issues, and 2 OSS permits with 4 OSS final inspections.

Serenity reported for the month of January, a Child Safety Class was offered and 5 safety seat checks were completed. Health Department has flu vaccines available.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners with the January report for the Park Department. Construction of storage building is completed and equipment has been housed in the new building for the winter. Staff detailed all equipment and vehicles and continue to cut and split wood for the upcoming camping season.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report. Christy informed commissioners Project Assemble will expand in their local community of Westfield.

Christy met with and attended IVY Tech reception for new Chancellor, Dr. Dean McCurdy and attended the first annual Advance Manufacturing Night held at Logansport High School. Local manufacturers were available for the public to learn about the products and services they provide. Governor Holcomb attended the event.

Christy reported Cass County Agribusiness Sign should be in place within the next month.

CCED DIRECTOR CONTRACT – Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve Cass County Economic Development Director's contract performance evaluation, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RECORDER – Cindy Howard informed the commission the cash drawer in the Recorder's office will increase from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The need is a reflection of the residents receiving cash from the ATM machine in \$20.00 bill increments. Therefore, the Recorder cash drawer is in need of additional small bills to make change.

FOUR COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER – Jeff LeDonne made a motion for positive recommendation to council for settlement agreement between Four County Counseling Center and Cass County, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Sailors informed those attending to state their name and address before making comments. Meeting will be adjourned at 1:40 p.m. in time for the next scheduled meeting at 1:45 p.m. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes.

David Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – presented 69 additional signatures for petition to increase current setbacks.

Ruth Baker, 1808 W 500 N, Logansport – requesting real scientific proof this is a net benefit and concerned commissioners have not responded directly to public comments.

James DeWitt, 3137 W 800 N, Royal Center – shared complaints filed in Tipton County regarding wind farm.

Ryan Browning, 4290 N 650 W, Logansport – concerned for the transparency of the project. If this project is so good the confidentiality statement doesn't need to be signed.

Leslie Murray, 8288 E 450 N, Logansport – request correction to her comments recorded in the December 18th meeting minutes, setbacks from the property line not the residence. Requested consideration to revise setbacks and address environmental issues. Leslie provided a printed copy of her comments.

Bill Hook, 5453 E 525 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of setback rules limiting future building sites for adjacent landowners and the property rights for future generations.

Kyle Reed, 3049 W 500 N, Royal Center – read aloud email dialog between RES and Fulton County Commissioners discussing turbine height and size. Kyle provided printed copies of emails.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – requests an evening informational meeting for county residents that just want answers.

Troy Eytcheson, 105 W Dunn Street, Fulton – continued Kyle Reed's concerns for height compared to setbacks and property rights.

Brent Thomas, 6528 N 900 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of potential effect on groundwater, wind turbines and tax credits, and the need for a public informational meeting.

Ashly Berry, 5227 State Road 25, Logansport - opposed to proposed wind farm, provided copies of her recent published newspaper article regarding her concerns of future wind farm.

Allen Hanna, 4937 N 200 W, Lucerne – concerned industrial wind turbines can be set in agricultural zoned land.

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~~Greg~~ Pomasl, 919 Marleton Road, Logansport – provided letters from local tradesman regarding the wind farm project.

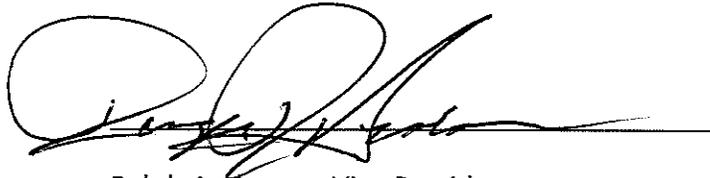
Lora Redweick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile - opposed to proposed wind farm, presented a display containing three wind turbines scaled in height up to 820 feet in comparison to a residential home. Lora has concerns for decommissioning funds if the company goes bankrupt.

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