

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 16, 2018**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.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.

AGENDA ADMENDMENT - Ralph Anderson made a motion to move agenda item XII to item IV each item there after follow consecutively, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK - Evelyn Byrum came before the Commission requesting permission for a road closure starting at the Twelve Mile Fire Station, County Road 800 E south to County Road 625 N. The event will be held May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in memory of Karla Hattery Meyer and all those fighting brain cancer.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approval the road closure request for Brain Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 19th, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

I.T. Department – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report. New Ricoh copiers have been installed and configured throughout the Government Building and the Jail.

Eli Frame is receiving training on the NetApp SANS currently used by the county. Eli and Elias Jones updated time cards and payroll sheets for each department. New computers have been delivered a rollout schedule to install computers is being created.

Jail has experienced issues with new security cameras. Security Company is working with us to correct the problem. Mulhaupts began installing the new door system at the work release, door keycards will be distributed.

Cj requested the following items to be deemed surplus:

Large Ricoh Copiers replaced with new lease

11 3503 Color Units,

5 3352 Black Units

Two of each model will be kept in storage for temporary replacements as needed.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept items listed from the IT Department as surplus, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with the December monthly and year-end reports.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	144
PRISONERS RELEASED	159
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,643
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,042
OFFICER PATROL MILES	24,487
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	151

TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	100
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	33
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	72
PROPERTY DAMAGE	62
PERSONAL INJURY	8
FATALITES	2
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	N/A
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,074
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	393

YEAR END REPORT 2017

PRISONER BOOKINGS	2,230
PRISONERS RELEASED	2,193
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	29,318
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	201,909
OFFICER PATROL MILES	390,157
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	2,285
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	1,884
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	70
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	554
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	557
PROPERTY DAMAGE	505
PERSONAL INJURY	74
FATALITES	6
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	N/A
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	15,542
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	5,275

Sheriff Pryor presented Inmate Housing Contract with Miami County Correctional for commissioners and county attorney to review.

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to fill two vacant full time and one vacant part time positions. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill two full time and one part time positions, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor requested permission to purchase a new vehicle using commissary funds. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve purchase of new vehicle for Sheriff Department using commissary funds, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Pryor introduced new deputy, Jacklyn Beebout.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Government Building elevators were inspected by the state, ATM machine moved from third floor to first floor, installed electrical floor boxes in IT Department, and elevator improvement contracts have been awarded.

Jail security controls software is complete, currently working on punch list items. Conversion of the two cells to new padded cells has begun.

Family Opportunity Center received energy audit from IVY TECH and contractor quotes for the project. Grant writer submitted grant application.

HIGHWAY BIDS – Jeff Smith recommended accepting all bids for 2018 supplies and services that were opened at the January 2nd meeting. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept all bids presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Smith recommended accepting the one bid received for the Community Crossing Projects. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the bid, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner requested permission to submit an application for the 2019 IDOC Grant. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the submission of the 2019 IDOC Grant, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSOR – Cathy Isaacs requested permission to fill vacant full time position, due to the retirement of Debbie Baker. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve request to fill vacant full time position in Assessor's Office, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK – Beth Liming requested permission to fill vacant full time position. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve request to fill vacant full time position in Clerk's Office, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Ralph Anderson made a motion to reappointment Rose Jackson to the Redevelopment Commission, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FOUR COUNTY - Carrie Cadwell, CEO came before the Commissioners presenting the first Semi-Annual Program Update Report. Carrie explained the partnership between Four County and Indiana Health Mentor Program to provide services to adults with mental ill. Four County has a contract with Logansport Memorial Hospital to provide wellness services and provide emergency room navigation for associates.

NORTH REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL – Steven Ray presented Commissioners with annual report. Steven informed the commissioners of the recent grants received. Last year NRPC received an USDA grant to develop comprehension plan for an Economic Development Strategy.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Randy Cole, 483 W 400 N, Logansport - presented and read aloud correspondence from his father, William Milton Cole opposing the wind farm.

Tia Justice, 806 E Market, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns for low flight exercises preformed at nearby Grissom Airforce Base.

Ryan Browning, 4290 S 650 W, Logansport - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of setback limit should start at the property line.

Judy Kellums, 7285 W 1000 S, Lucerne - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns regarding the business ethics of RES wind company.

Kyle Reed, 3049 W 500 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, presented additional 144 signatures on petition against wind farm project. Bringing the total to 1485 signatures.

Lora Redwick, 5524 N 600 E, Twelve Mile - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of the unethical methods used by RES sale representatives.

Leslie Murray, 8288 E 450 N, Logansport - opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns for the divide of social fabric of the community, health effects, economic effects to property values, echo system damage and hydro-geological consequences. Comprehensive and objective financial analysis should be done.

Elizabeth Thomas, 6528 N 900 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of White County setback limits in comparison to Cass County setback limits and the effects to property values.

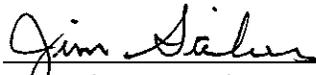
Deidra Dodt, 5193 W 800 N, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of requested information is not being released to the public.

Ashly Berry, 5227 State Road 25, Logansport - opposed to proposed wind farm, zoning issues are addressed when building a new structure. The same should be considered for the wind turbines.

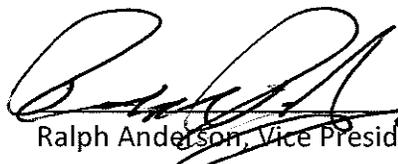
Jeff Zimmer, 9949 N 650 W, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, wind farm would only benefit a few farmers. County should ban wind turbines and not worry about setbacks. Financially the county has done fine all these years without wind turbines and we'll get along fine without them.

ADJOURNMENT

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



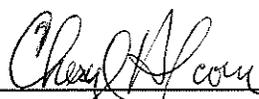
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Jeff LeDonne, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor