

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 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.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS -Jeff LeDonne made a motion to retain the current slate of officers.

President Jim Sailors

Vice President Ralph Anderson

Member Jeff LeDonne

Ralph Anderson 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.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly CCED report and list of goals for 2018. Christy reported 2017 economic growth included \$7,980,000 new equipment and \$9,650,000 real estate. 73 company/industry visits were made last year.

Christy attended Twelve Mile Community Meeting to offer county's assistance in grant application for a new community building. Christy continues to work with Royal Center regarding wastewater treatment facility.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Health Department report. For the month of December a total of eight vaccination clinics were held and 137 patients were seen with a total of 342 vaccines given.

Vitals Records department received \$2,505 in document fees for the month of December. Department printed 106 birth certificates, 20 free birth certificates, 139 death certificates, 2 paternity affidavits, and 3 genealogy searches.

Mike Collins and Chelsea Cates issued 88 food permits, performed 42 food inspections, 7 environmental inspections, 1 lead inspection, and issued 3 Tattoo permits in the month of December. Dan Musselman completed 4 new construction residential and 1 new construction commercial inspections, 4 soil profiles, 13 environmental issues, and 2 OSS permits with 9 OSS final inspections.

Laci Hensel conducted four health presentations on handwashing, healthy habits, community safe baby class, and car seat safety.

Serenity reported for the month of December, 3 new car seats and 4 pack-n-plays were 6 child passenger safety inspections were completed with 3 new seats and 4 pack-n-plays were distributed.

Serenity requested approval to fill a part-time vacant position. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the request to fill part-time position, Ralph Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Park's year end results. The park brought in an estimated \$441,330.18

Gate Fees/Season Passes	\$116,863.60
Electric Camping	\$111,722.00
Primitive Camping	\$55,561.00
Long Term Camping	\$70,435.00
Cabin/Building Rental	\$6,335.00
Sleepy Hollow Event	\$2,534.25
Firewood	\$18,804.00
Camp Store	\$30,694.99
Concession	\$18,639.60
Disc Golf	\$2,621.00

Divers Den	\$3,723.00
Other	\$3,396.74

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly Highway Department report. The department used over 850 man-hours of overtime during the month of December due to three major snow events occurring on a weekend or holiday.

Jeff reported the breakdown of man-hours for the year 2017; 28% road construction, 27% culvert/bridge, 18% road maintenance, and a total of 1800 man-hours of overtime for snow removal.

Jeff informed commissioners of the state’s recent funding bill mandates the tracking of crew work types and expenditures into new categories. Jeff is investigating possible software solutions that could aid the process of this new state requirement.

Jeff requested approval of INDOT-LPA Consulting Contract for 400 South Reconstruction Project, Phase IV. Contract offers the professional engineering services of Lochmueller Group, Inc. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve INDOT-LPA Consulting Contract, 400 South Project Phase IV, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY BIDS - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened the bids received for the Highway Department for various items:

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| ENGINEERING AGGREGATES CORP.
2413 South County Road 150 East
P.O. Box 538
Logansport, IN 46947 | Item #2 Gravel & Sand per ton
Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton |
| HANSON AGGREGATES
3571 West County Road 500 South
Peru, IN 46970 | Item #2 Gravel & Sand per ton
Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton |
| IRVING MATERIALS, INC.
350 North 150 West US 24
Peru, IN 46970 | Item #2 Gravel & Sand per ton
Item #2A Crushed Stone per ton |
| CENTRAL PAVING, INC.
P.O. Box 357
Logansport, IN 46947 | Item #5 Cold Mix Asphalt, MWS, & Cutback per ton
Item #5A Pug Mill Mixing per ton
Item #5B Chip & Seal Application per gal
Item #5C Hot Mix Asphalt per ton |
| CENTRAL PAVING, INC.
P.O. Box 357
Logansport, IN 46947 | Item #6 Calcium Chloride Solution |
| THE AIRMARKING CO., INC.
1544 North State Road 26
P.O. Box 526
Rochester, IN 46975 | Item # 7 Paint & Thermoplastic Markings |
| ASPHALT MATERIALS, INC.
5400 W 86 th Street
PO Box 68123
Indianapolis, IN 46268 | Item #8A Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton
Item #8 Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton |
| Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC
255 N Belmont Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46222 | Item #8A Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton
Item #8 Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton |
| Bit-Mat Products of Indiana, Inc.
PO Box 428
Ashley, IN 46705 | Item #8A Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton
Item #8 Asphalt Emulsions per gal/per ton |

Mathew Milling Co., Inc.
3254 E 400 S
Monticello, IN 47960

Item #9 Asphalt Milling

CENTRAL PAVING, INC.
P.O. Box 357
Logansport, IN 46947

Community Crossing Resurfacing Project

ST. REGIS CULVERT INC.
1101 S. Kitley
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Culvert & Bridge Materials

DEBCO METAL CULVERTS
P.O.Box 8
Francesville, IN 47946

Culvert & Bridge Materials

METAL CULVERTS, INC.
P.O. Box 330
711 Heisinger Road
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Culvert & Bridge Materials

AMERICAN TIMBER BRIDGE
8767 Weruf Ave.
Portage, MI 49002

Culvert & Bridge Materials

Ralph Anderson made a motion to take all bids under advisement until the January 16th meeting at 9:00 a.m., Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISPATCH – Dan McDonald requested approval to fill a full time vacant position. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacant position, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed:

Airport Authority	Bob Barr	4 yrs	1-1-18 to 12-31-20
	David Brumett	4 yrs	1-1-18 to 12-31-20

Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Bob Barr and David Brumett to serve on the Airport Authority Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage Board	Tim Young	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
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Jeff LeDonne made a motion to appoint Tim Young to serve on the Alcoholic Beverage Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cass County Animal Control Board	Kathy Patty	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Roger Kunkle	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Cheryl Oliver	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Shari Deardorff	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Craig Kennell	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18

Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Kathy Patty, Roger Kunkle, Cheryl Oliver, Shari Deardorff, and Craig Kennell to serve on the Animal Control Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cass County E911 Dispatch Governing Board

Ed Schroeder	2 yrs	1-1-18 to 12-31-19
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Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Ed Schroeder to serve on the E911 Dispatch Board, Jeff LeDonne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cass County Fire District Board	Mike Simms	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Dave Patty	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18
	Jeff Asselin	1 yr	1-1-18 to 12-31-18

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to appoint Mike Simms, Dave Patty, Jeff Asselin to serve on the Fire District Board, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Sailors informed those attending to state their name and address before making comments. Meeting has 20 minutes of available time before adjourning for next scheduled meeting.

Matt Sherrick, 2518 E 525 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, presented 30 additional signatures for petition to increase current setbacks.

Paige Woodhouse, 4477 W State Road 16, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of financial need for decommissioning of wind turbines.

Leslie Murray, 8288 E 450 N, Logansport – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of setback limits, tranquility of country living, trespassing zones for non-participating land owners. Requested consideration to revise the ordinance to 2640 set back from the property line not from the residence.

Sara Craig, 5684 N 600 E, Twelve Mile – opposed to proposed wind farm, concerns of the height and placement of the wind turbines and the effects this will have on property values and health issues. Setback limits need to be reconsidered.

John Williamson, 5400 N 400 E – in favor of proposed wind farm, provided information from Wind Exchange Energy Study findings. Wind energy provides income to landowners, schools, and county entities that depend on property tax revenue. Wind is renewable energy with zero emissions and low operating cost. Wind turbines do not have an adverse effect on post construction property values. Until there is a better alternative source of revenue for our county, I encourage the commission to continue moving forward with this project.

Susan Selim, 2681 E 375 N, Logansport – opposed to the proposed wind farm, encourages commissioners to look beyond the economic issues, to the issue of leadership that requires listening to both sides before making a decision.

Evan Criswell, 8339 N 350 W, Royal Center – opposed to proposed wind farm, concern for the next generation of farmers. Wind turbines will reduce the amount of available land to farm.

Judy Kellums, 7285 W 1000 S, Lucerne - opposed to proposed wind farm, residents are not being provided information of the project. Concerned for the possible ill effect wind turbines may have on ground animals. Constitution ensures domestic tranquility, peace among the states, giving power to government officials to squash rebellion and smooth tensions.

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 Acorn, Auditor