

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2019

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Ryan Browning, 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, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL- Ryan Browning 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 February report for the Park Department. Dana reported estimated revenue of \$11,277 was received for the month.

Approximately 450 dead Ash Trees have been removed from camping area over the last three winters. Park campground fared well during last month wind storm with gusts at 50 mph. Maintenance crew cleared trails of downed trees and limbs. Wood bin is at full capacity for the upcoming camping season.

Camping reservations are full for the Memorial Day weekend. Campers wanting a reservation will be placed on a hold list if an opening becomes available.

CASS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Christy Householder appeared before the Commissioners with the CCED monthly report. Christy reported the State is issuing new mandates for Redevelopment Commissions. Christy attended Wabash Heartland Innovation Network regional meeting, Broadband meeting, and IVY Tech Farm Series.

Christy requested recommendation of additional appropriations for CEDIT Fund. Financial assistance to relocate Logan Stamping to the Industrial Park and Peru Fabrication to existing location on 1100 E Main Street, Logansport. Logan Stamping will be expanding production at the new location. Financial assistance to Small Incorporated Towns in support of reduced Local Income Tax for Economic Development.

Ralph Anderson made a motion of positive recommendation to the Council of additional appropriation request, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Christy explained the relocation of Peru Fabrication will bring approximately 15 current positions and potentially adding 15 to 30 positions with the expansion of Logan Stamping.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly highway report. February winter weather resulted in full winter operations on six days, including two weekends. Crews removed 34 downed trees as a result of high winds. Approximately 1720 man hours of overtime have accrued during the first two months of the year.

Jeff reported Phase III of 400 South project is underway with the road closures between 175 W and 300 W. Project is scheduled for completion by mid-September.

Jeff gave an update of the Market Street Bridge replacement project, work continues on wing walls and end bent at the west end of bridge. Project completion is expected by late summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan McDonald gave an update regarding purchase of new 911 phone system. Currently the department has received three proposals for equipment. Equipment demonstrations have been provided to the staff. Dan is pursuing Federal 911 Grant, if awarded will cover 60% of equipment cost.

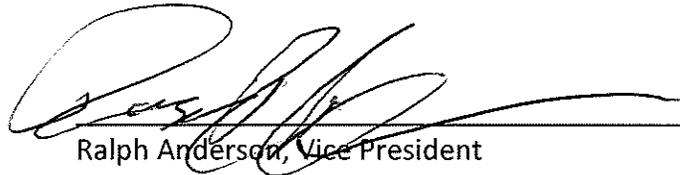
Jeremy Hall announced the upcoming Civic Players production of "Regrets Only" at the State Theatre, this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

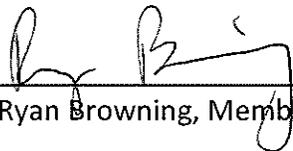
Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Browning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor