

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2019

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the April monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	188
PRISONERS RELEASED	166
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,483
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	18,644
OFFICER PATROL MILES	30,442
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	144
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	105
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	2
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	37
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	33
PROPERTY DAMAGE	27
PERSONAL INJURY	2
FATALITIES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	81
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,249
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	441

Sheriff Schroder expressed appreciation to Richard Gundrum and the maintenance department for deep cleaning the cell blocks and HVAC vents.

I.T. Department – Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report. Preparations for the Primary Municipal Election included replacement of ballot printer and synchronization issues were corrected for the poll book. Cj reported the election went over very well.

The process of upgrading deputy vehicle laptops to Windows 10 has begun, the search for new hardware continues. Computer tablets were prepared for the GED Program at the Jail. Courts experienced problems with the Odyssey Program after receiving an update; this was a state wide issue. I.T. Department is in the process of improving the imaging system, installing a few new scanners. Cj is working with Imaging Office Systems to get the Auditor's office setup for scanning deductions. Preparations are being made to replace the battery backup in the Courthouse Server Room, including network card allowing air conditioning and power to be monitored providing alerts if a problem occurs in either system. New electrical lines were installed in the prosecutor's office as part of the recent office renovations.

Cj requested the following item to be deemed surplus:

32" JVC Tube Television

Ralph Anderson made a motion to declare item listed as surplus, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners and presented his monthly report. Card readers have been installed at Government Building; locksets will be changed out on June 6th. Deep cleaning of cell blocks has been completed and replacement of damaged skylight is scheduled for May 30th at the Jail.

Annex Storage Building was deep cleaned and treated for insects. New HVAC system installed at Ambulance Garage and push button lock installed on entrance door.

Richard continues to attend Jail Project meetings and tours of area jails.

Richard requested approval to fill full time vacant maintenance position, Joe Staples will be retiring. Richard regrets to see Joe leave, but wished him the best in his retirement. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request to fill vacant full time position, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard requested approval to fill part time vacant housekeeping position; Lori Cress will be leaving for employment at the Post Office. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the request to fill part time vacant position, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – Jim Sailors presented for approval next year’s Commissioner’s meeting schedule, drainage board meeting schedule, and list of holidays the county will be closed.

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule, Holiday Schedule, and Drainage Board Schedule, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner requested approval to fill full time correctional officer position, Logan Frushour will be moving on to a deputy position with the Sheriff Department. Ryan Browning made a motion to approve request to fill full time vacant correctional officer position, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISPATCH – Dan McDonald requested approval to fill two vacant full time dispatch positions, one has moved on to fill a position with Logansport Fire Department and one has moved on to fill the Town Clerk position at Royal Center.

Ryan Browning tabled the request pending the discussion to revise work schedule to 12 hour shifts, Ralph Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously to table the request.

SRI – TAX SALE SUPPORT ADDENDUM – Glen Luedtke, SRI presented for approval Addendum of Tax Sale Service Contract. Contract proposes an increase of service fee from \$75 to \$100 for each parcel listed on the Certified List as a “cost of sale” to the property buyer.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the Tax Sale Services Support Addendum as presented, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CASS AREA TRANSIT GRANT – Bill Calhoun presented for approval the 2020 Cass Area Transit Grant budgets totaling \$1,346,498. Budget includes \$318,000 for purchase of 3 replacement vehicles and 3 additional vehicles.

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the budget as presented for the 2020 Cass Area Transit Grant, Ryan Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LOGAN’S LANDING – Becki Harris appeared before the Commissioners with summary update report. Logansport received annual national accreditation through the Main Street Program. Main Street accreditation is a valuable tool when applying for grants.

Logansport is in the top twenty-five of the Main Street Contest to advance to the top 10 finalists for a chance to receive \$25,000 for downtown revitalization. This is an on-line contest; Becki encouraged everyone to place their votes on-line with a maximum of 25 votes per day per IP address. Voting ends May 26th at Main Street Contest.com.

14th Annual Taste of Cass County will be held on August 10th, due to the Melbourne Ave. construction project the event has been moved to the Heritage Park /Farmer’s Market Lot area extending to the Depot on Fourth and Market Streets.

Celebrate Logansport Strawberry Shortcake Day will be held on June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the downtown Farmer's Market. This is a fundraiser for Logan's Landing, strawberry shortcake tickets can be purchased for \$5.00.

Becki will be assisting the county with the downtown Charter of Freedom display.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lynn Korniak appeared before the Commissioners with Purdue Extension Office annual update report. Lynn distributed program information of services provided in education of healthy diet and nutrition. Lynn introduced Betsy Hines, Community Wellness Coordinator and Allie Williams, summer intern.

Betsy Hines serves Cass and Fulton Counties funded by USDA at no cost to the counties. Betsy offers nutritional education to low income families.

Ali Williams will be a junior next fall at Huntington University studying entrepreneurial small business. Ali was a 10 year member of Cass County 4 -H and looks forward to the summer internship with the Purdue Extension Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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



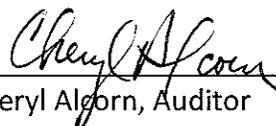
Jim Sailors, President



Ralph Anderson, Vice President



Ryan Browning, Member

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor