

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CASS COUNTY, INDIANA
APPROVING COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICY REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF
BODY CAM VIDEO AND SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM CASS COUNTY
DETENTION CENTER

WHEREAS, Cass County and the Cass County Sheriff is required by statute to provide and maintain a jail/detention center to house inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Sheriff's Department has secured surveillance cameras and body cameras for the purpose of surveilling the jail and the inmates housed in the jail; and

WHEREAS, Cass County Sheriff's Department desires to establish a policy regarding the dissemination of the video from the surveillance cameras and body camera; and

WHEREAS, Cass County Sheriff's Department asserts that it is in the best interest of the County and the Sheriff's Department that such video from such surveillance cameras and body cameras should be privileged and confidential from disclosure as it would have a reasonable likelihood to be a threat to public safety, and should only be disclosed by Court Order or lawful Subpoena;

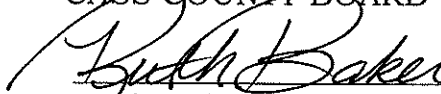
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Surveillance video from the cameras located in the Cass County Jail and on correction officers' bodies shall be protected from disclosure to the general public;
2. Such video may be disclosed only upon a lawful, legal process request by subpoena or court order;
3. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4.4 if such video were released it could have a reasonable likelihood of threat to public safety and therefore is not subject to general dissemination pursuant to public records request under Indiana Code.

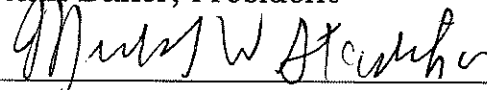
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana.

APPROVED this 15 day of May, 2023.

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Ruth Baker, President



Michael Stajduhar, Vice President



Mike Deitrich

Attest:



Cheryl Acorn, County Auditor