

## **CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 21, 2011**

The Cass County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **AMEND AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to add Liability Insurance and Chase Road after item number four. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the regular Commissioners minutes for March 7<sup>th</sup> and the Executive minutes for March 14<sup>th</sup>, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Pryor appeared before the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Sheriff Pryor thanked the Commissioners for the approval of the fee increase and for approving the contract with SRI for them to conduct the Sheriff sales. Sheriff Pryor presented the report for the month of February:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	166
PRISONERS RELEASED	169
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	3,489
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	10,704
OFFICER PATROL MILES	30,727
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	81
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	52
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	4
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	13
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	72
PROPERTY DAMAGE	64
PERSONAL INJURY	8



FATALITIES	0
RESERVER OFFICERS HOURS	177
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,200
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	785

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the report as presented, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Michael Bowditch who represents Consolidated Union Insurance appeared before the Commissioners with recommendations for the County. It is the recommendation that the insurance program remain with Alliance Municipal Insurance Company for the Commercial Package, General Liability, Commercial Auto, Inland Marine, Public Officials Liability, Errors and Omissions Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, and Umbrella lines of business. Maintaining this partnership will again provide the county with a savings over last year's expiring premiums. The company has offered this renewal as a 3 year guaranteed rate renewal policy that we believe is in the best interest of the county. It is our recommendation to keep the Workers' Compensation Insurance with IPEP. The Workers Compensation renewal premium will also provide the county the opportunity to experience a savings over last year's premiums.

Jim Sailors made a motion to maintain the insurance as presented for 3 years guaranteed rate, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CHASE ROAD**

Attorney John Hillis informed the Commissioners that the Court appraisers had arrived at a fair market value on the property to be acquired for the Chase Road project. John had claims for the Commissioners to sign to have the checks printed. The checks need to be disbursed to the Clerk's office to be held in trust per each case. The individuals may still dispute the Court's decision, but the County may take title of the property so that the work can progress on the Chase Road project. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the signing of the claims, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **I.T.**

Cj Gilsinger was not present to give his monthly report. The I.T. department has been busy with lots of small projects. The Annex Building server rack was wired. The deployment of new machines to the Prosecutors office has taken place. Work on the upcoming election has taken place. Spillman has been installed in the Sheriff's department. The Planning department's connection to the City planning department via the municipal fiber network is in the works.

#### **SECURITY**



Dave Arnold presented recommendations to the Commissioners in regards to the Security position. The retirement of Dave Patty has left the head Security position open. The recommendations are:

Full time position to be filled (This is an appointed position)

One part time position is cut which will decrease the extra help account by \$25,000

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the recommendations, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

Robert Cree resigned from the PTABOA board effective March 15, 2011. The Cass County Commissioners are now looking for a replacement to that board.

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

A drafting table was declared surplus property at the February 22 meeting of the Commissioners. Chris Gaumer has submitted a bid of fifty dollars for the table to the Commissioners. Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the bid of fifty dollars, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

Dave Arnold presented a print out from NACO in regards to the prescription drug discount program. The number of people that have taken advantage of the card within the county was 5,227 since June of 2008. The average retail price was \$242,533.48 and the price savings of \$51,015.45.

Eugene Williams of 8111 E. SR 16, Twelve Mile, IN. , addressed the Commissioners in regards to the construction of State Road 16. Mr. Williams hopes the Commissioners will take this opportunity to address the drainage issues in the town of Twelve Mile. The Commissioners assured Mr. Williams that they would do everything they could to correct the issue.

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.






Dave Arnold, President

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Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor