

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 18, 2011

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

AMEND AGENDA

Dave Arnold made a motion to amend the agenda to include the opening of bids for BE-110 Bridge after number five of the current agenda, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. Before Randy presented his report, Randy had the intern, Preston Howard, recap his experience with the Sheriff's Department.

Preston Howard appeared before the Commissioners. Preston thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to intern with the Sheriff's Department this summer. Preston started in the Jail working in intake. He then worked in dispatch for two or three days. He accompanied different officers on ride a longs and was amazed at how fast you can get from one side of the county to the other. Preston worked directly with Sheriff Pryor and Jill Rife. Preston enjoyed all of the people he worked with and especially appreciated the time that Jill and Randy spent with him. Preston is thinking of pursuing a career with the Federal government.

The Commissioners thanked Preston for his report. Sheriff Pryor commented that Preston was more than just an intern and very helpful while working with the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Pryor proceeded with the monthly report:

PRISONER BOOKINGS	159
PRISONER RELEASED	170
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,244
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	13,803
OFFICER PATROL MILES	33,620
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	88

TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS		190
TOTAL CITATIONS	234	
DWI/OWI ARRESTS		7
CRIMINAL ARRESTS		43
WARRANTS SERVED		33
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	46	
PROPERTY DAMAGE		36
PERSONAL INJURY	10	
FATALITIES		0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	95	
CIVIL PROCESS MILEAGE	1,825	
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED		870

Sheriff Pryor informed the Commissioners that the Jail was now housing 15 DOC inmates. The County receives \$35.00 per day, per inmate. This money goes into the County General Fund. The Reserve officers are preparing for a fund raiser that helps pay for their equipment. Sheriff Pryor has hired two full time corrections officers, Damian Ward and Jay Stratton, both reside in Logansport. The position of a part-time cook has also been filled by Marjorie Noriega. Sheriff Pryor has received a retirement letter from Mike Day; Mike's last day will be July 22.

Dave Arnold told the Sheriff that he appreciates the effort of the Sheriff to become more self sufficient and to help bring in additional funds with the housing of DOC inmates.

I.T.

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Commissioners with a two month report. May and June have been spent getting Odyssey up and going in Cass County. Jtac was here for just over five weeks to help with the transition. Candy Heath from the I.T. jumped in and was a great help in retrieving the old financial data and entering it into the new system. Candy will be working in the Clerk's office as time allows to finish this process. Odyssey went live on June 20 after two weeks of training for the Clerk and Court staff.

The election recount also took place in May. The original count was accurate which maintains the integrity of our voting system. Dusty and Eli worked very hard while the work with Odyssey took place. All of the machines in all three Courts have been changed out. The only machines left to replace are the recording machines. The recording software we are currently using is outdated and needs to be updated before it can be placed on new machines.

The new server room A/C unit has been installed; the vent needs to be installed before moving the server rack into place. I.T. has had a high number of printer issues recently. Oee has been contacted and the problem isolated. The problem should be corrected soon.

BIDS

The Cass County Commissioners had Attorney John Hillis open the bids for Bridge BE110. This bridge is located in Bethlehem Township. The following bids were received:

H/S Construction, INC

Indianapolis, IN

Proposal \$356,637 with unit pricing

Jack Isom Construction, INC

Reynolds, IN

Proposal \$346,637 with unit pricing

Pioneer Associates

Abian, IN

Proposal \$422,575.69 with unit pricing

LaPorte Construction Co.,INC

LaPorte, IN

Proposal \$391,560.83 with unit pricing

Beer & Slabaugh, INC

Nappanee, IN

Proposal \$416,248.30

Dave Arnold made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

Dave Arnold called to order the meeting for the Tax Levy Hearing for Fire District 1. Sherman Kantzer appeared as a member of the Fire District 1 Board. The Board met on July 14th and voted in favor to establish a Cumulative Fire Fund at the rate of 3.33 cents per \$100.00 dollars assessed value. Mr. Kantzer explained to the Commissioners in the public meeting why the fund needs to be established. The DLGF told the Board that the fund needed to be established by August 1st of this year. After the fund has been established there is a 30 day remonstrance period in which the public may dispute the Cumulative Fund. The district received funding from Eel, Clay and Noble Township fire fund this year. Next year the Fire District will have its own rate established. Mami Township will join the Fire District in 2012.

Mr. Arnold called for questions after Mr. Kantzer's presentation. There were no public comments. Mr. Arnold made a motion to continue the hearing on August 1st at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:_____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor