

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 5, 2011

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Attorney John Hillis was absent. Attorney Jim Knight appeared for John Hillis.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Cherie Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with her monthly report. In the month of November the Health Department dedicated 14 days to various vaccination clinics. The Health Department saw 404 patients and 878 immunizations were given.

The Health Department has received 23 new complaints in the past two months. Most are for septic failures, METH and lead cases. Ten cases have been referred to Attorney Jeff Stanton's office for litigation. Two cases have been abated and four cases are on hold until 2012.

Hand washing lessons were presented to all four third grade classes at Pioneer Elementary. An anti-tobacco lesson was presented to Lincoln Middle School eighth graders.

Lynda Kennedy has been working with the State on updating the Grants as needed. The Health Department is currently working on job descriptions for two part-time positions. Lynda is learning how the rules of vital records and paternity affidavits work, so she can cover for Tomeka when she is out of the office.

Dr. Bennett would like to have a student from the high school for an unpaid internship. The student would only work 1.5 hours a day. Dave Arnold would like to meet the student at the start of the internship and have them give a report at the end of their term. Dr. Bennett would also like to hire a part-time medical assistant; the State covers the cost of this position. This position would be for 15 hours a week. Dr. Bennett is also requesting another part-time position that will be funded by the preparedness and health maintenance grants. This position would also be for 15 hours a week.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the position for the part-time medical assistant, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Gene Powlen made a motion to allow a high school student non paid internship for the Health Department, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to allow a part-time position to be funded by the preparedness and health maintenance grants, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith, Highway Superintendant appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report. The Highway Department began the snow season on November 29th and 30th. Crews kept busy with high water, downed trees and plowing anywhere from few inches as to as much as 6 to 8 inches of snow. A ribbon cutting was held on November 18th for the 300 S. project. The pavement striping was completed; approximately 4.3 miles of roadway were striped, along with 8 railroad pavement markings. Construction continues on the Kokomo Pike bridges for the Hoosier Heartland Highway.

Ray Eber, CCHD Project Coordinator, appeared with his monthly report. The work on BE 110 is well underway. Isom Construction has the beams set and is currently applying the epoxy between the beams. The weather changes could impact the project's schedule, but should re-open within the allowed time limit. CR 400 S. is expected to be open from SR 25 into Clymers on or after December 9th. Chase Road opened to traffic on November 23rd. The roadway will remain open until spring, when construction starts on phases 2 and 3.

LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT

Jeff Smith presented the consulting contract to the Commissioners for their approval. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the contract, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E-911

Dan McDonald appeared before the Commissioners to request approval for an employee to take an unpaid leave of absence. The employee has not been employed long enough to qualify for FMLA. Dan also requested the approval to hire a new employee to replace one that has taken another job. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the new employee, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE

Pat Hann was unable to appear due to illness. Jim Sailors made the request for Pat for approval to hire a part-time employee to begin working in January. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the part-time position, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EMA

Alvin Beckman appeared before the Commissioners to have the City of Logansport/Cass County Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Procedures approved. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the City of Logansport/Cass County Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Procedures, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTIVATE HEALTHCARE AGREEMENT

Jim Sailors presented the Activate Healthcare Agreement for passage. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Activate Healthcare Agreement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Attorney Jim Knight opened the following sealed bids for the Highway Department for 2012:


Wiers International	Auto Zone
2111 Jim Neu Dr.	2229 E. Market Street
Plymouth, IN 46563	Logansport, IN 46947
Tread Rock	Napa (Logansport Auto Parts)
3326 S. 460 E.	801 E. Market Street
Lafayette, IN 47905	Logansport, IN 46947
James Drew Corp.	CPI Supply
8701 Zionsville Road	2900 Michelle Road
P.O. Box 68935	Bedford, IN 47421
Indianapolis, IN 46268	
North Central Co-Op	Applied Industrial Technologies
P.O. Box 299	1824 Touby Pike, STE A
Wabash, IN 46992	Kokomo, IN 46947
Petroleum Traders Corp.	ICPC
7120 Pointe Inverness Way	2050 Harding Street
Ft. Wayne, IN 46804	Indianapolis, IN 46221
Airmarking Co.,INC	Krenn Bridge Co.,INC

1544 N. SR 25	14279 C B McDonald Way
Rochester, IN 46975	Vicksburg, MI 49097
Engineering Aggregates, Corp.	Metal Culverts, INC.
P.O. Box 538	2107 Rear Missouri Blvd.
Logansport, IN 46947	Jefferson City, MO 65102
Blackman Excavating	O'Reilly Auto Parts
9131 N. St. Rd. 119	P.O. Box 1156
Monticello, IN 47960	Springfield, MO 65802
Aulbach Const. LLC.	Tri Green Tractor
P.O. Box 598	725 Burlington Ave.
Logansport, IN 46947	Logansport, IN 46947
St. Regis Culvert, INC.	Northern Equipment Co., INC.
202 Morrell Street	16465 W. Lincoln HWY
Charlette, MI 48813	Plymouth, IN 46563
Indy Tire Centers	Asphalt Materials, Inc.
7309 E. US HWY 36	P.O. Box 68123
Avon, IN 46123	Indianapolis, IN 46268
Central Paving	
P.O. Box 357	
Logansport, IN 46947	


Jim Sailors made a motion to take all bids under advisement, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Tom Busch invited the Commissioners to the party at the American Legion, Thursday night. There were no other public comments. Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dave Arnold, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Sailors", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Sailors, Vice President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Powlen", written over a horizontal line.

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST: A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vaneen M. Ide", written over a horizontal line.

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor