

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 1, 2011

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. In attendance were Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Dave Arnold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. CR 300S was opened to traffic on July 23. Traffic to the Andersons is now using the new road. CR 325 is now closed between SR 25 and 300S and continues to be closed between SR 25 and 400S. Work will now continue on this segment of CR325, under both the county's 300S contract and the state's Hoosier Heartland contract.

The stop signs at the intersection of CR 400S and 600W were changed by direction of Commissioners in April of 2010. The CCHD propose changing these signs back to the original configuration, where SR 600W stops for CR 400 S. A speed study is being conducted on CR 600E between Logansport Road and US 24, based on a request at last month's meeting.

Ray Eber appeared before the Commissioners with his report as project coordinator. Chip-seal operations began on July 25th. Total Patch crews have been concentrating on the southern townships. The crews will than move north and west. Personnel have focused on dragging/grading gravel roads in the western areas of the county.

Jim Sailors made a motion to change the speed limit on CR 600E to 55 miles per hour, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jim Sailors made a motion to change back the stop sign on 600W and 400S, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bennett appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report from the Health Department. During the month of July eight vaccination clinics were held. 220 patients were seen with

602 immunizations given. July 14th a Train the Trainer Smallpox Seminar was held in West Lafayette at the Police Department. The class was held for district 4 health department and hospital staff. The goal is for the nurses to now train other health professionals in Cass County to give smallpox vaccine in the event of a bioterrorism event. Based on our population at least 43 people need to be trained in order to vaccinate Cass County.

Numerous septic systems were installed, permitted and inspected this month. The second week of July the 4H Fair was held and many food inspections. A new food inspector has joined the staff, McCall Kitchel. She began food inspections of small and large menu establishments. There has been a substantial increase in environmental complaints, including mold, open dumping/burning, failed septic and insect infestations. We have also been working through older complaints to verify that the property owners have reached compliance with the issued orders.

Mosquito's still remain a problem due to large permanent bodies of water due to the excessive heat. Multiple places where found and treated. The new Health Department administrator will begin the last week in August.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Randy Pryor appeared before the Commissioners. Sheriff Pryor thanked the Commissioners and Council for providing the employees with a picnic on July 26. It was appreciated by him and his staff. Two new CO's were hired. The jail was inspected by the Department of Corrections and there were no citations. The jail may have to implement a GED program and a substance abuse program. Sheriff Pryor is looking into the cost of these programs. The Sheriff's department is working on purchasing vests for the deputies. Cj and Dusty are working on implementing the new air cards for the squad car computers.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

No one appeared. No action was taken.

TRUCK ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the Cass County Commissioners amending Title VII, schedule II, Section A of the Cass County code was presented. On the following roads trucks will be prohibited in Tipton and Jackson Townships:

- On County Road 1250 S. from County Road 1000 E. to State Road 18
- On County Road 300 S. from State Road 29 to State Road 25
- On County Road 800 S. from US 35 to County Road 800 E.
- On County Road 800 E from County Road 800 S. to State Road 218
- On County Road 900 E. from County Road 900 S. to State Road 218; and
- On County Road 900 S. from US 35 to County Road 900 E.

The complete Ordinance can be found under 11-05 in the Auditor's office.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the amended truck ordinance, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This ordinance takes effect immediately.

BRIDGE BIDS FOR BE-110

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the second lowest bid for bridge BE-110, Gene Powlen seconded. Before the voting took place, Attorney Tom Pastore requested permission to address the Commissioners on behalf of taxpayer Sandra Barrett. Mr. Pastore felt that the Commissioners should justify their reason for selecting the second lowest bid since the difference would cost Cass County taxpayers an additional \$10,000 dollars. Mr. Pastore expressed his concerns for the reason behind not accepting the lowest bid from bridge contractor, Jack Isom. Mr. Sailors and Mr. Arnold explained their reluctance to award the bid to his company, citing past experiences. Mr. Pastore explained contract law and how the Commissioners could avoid a bad experience again. Attorney John Hillis explained to the Commissioners that the contract with Isom could be revised to give a finish date.

Jim Sailors made a motion to withdraw his first motion, Gene Powlen seconded. Gene Powlen made a motion to award bridge BE-110 to the lowest bidder with an adjustment of retainage to 15%, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TRUCK BIDS

The Highway Department advertised and accepted truck bids for a new work truck. The following bids were received:

Braun Chevrolet Buick, INC. Winamac, IN	\$24,849
Paul-Richard GM Center Peru, IN	\$24,944
Bob Schwartz Ford Lincoln Mercury Peru, IN	\$25,128
Mike Anderson Super Center Logansport, IN	\$25,467 (Chevy)
Mike Anderson Super Center Logansport, IN	28,625 (Dodge)

Gene Powlen made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the Highway's work truck, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Braun Chevrolet was awarded the bid.

PUBLIC HEARING VOTER PRECINT LINE CHANGES

The meeting was called to order for the public hearing for changes in precinct lines for Senate and House. Dave Arnold, Commissioner President, Beth Liming, Clerk, and Cj Gilsinger, I.T. worked together to move the lines as needed.

Galveston will remain the same. Proposed changes:

Precinct 10

Precinct 11

Move the proposed line on 19th Street (which is going through 1 house) east to Central Ave. following High St.

1. This will increase Precinct 10's count of voters up from 511
2. This will decrease Precinct 11's count of voters from 802

Precinct 14

Precinct 15

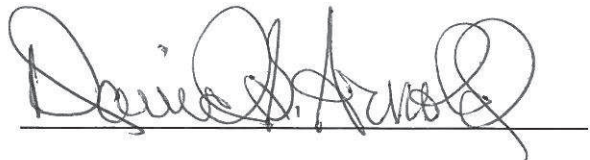
Move the line on Walnut Ave., west 1 block to Lafayette Ave. down to Tomlinson Dr. Taking Tomlinson Dr. over to Marleton Road up to Price Dr.

1. Precinct 14's count of voters will decrease a small amount from 797
2. Precinct 15's voter's count will increase an amount up from 778

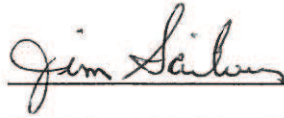
Public comment was requested, there were no comments. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the changes as presented, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Public comment was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

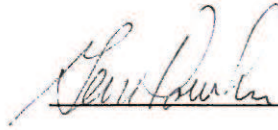
There were no public comments. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Arnold", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Arnold, President



Jim Sailors, Vice President



Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:



Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor