

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 3, 2011

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

RE-ORGANIZATION

Gene Powlen made a motion to retain the same officers in their respective positions, Dave Arnold, President, Jim Sailors, Vice President and Gene Powlen, Member, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Gene Powlen noted to the Auditor that the year of the minutes was incorrect; it should be 2010 instead of 2011. Error was duly noted and will be corrected by the Auditor. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the correction to the year, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the claims and payroll as presented, Dave Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Steve Easley appeared before the Commissioners with his monthly report. The Highway department ordered and received 300 tons of salt, 80 percent has been mixed and placed in the salt barn. Frank Smith from Downey Insurance conducted an employee safety meeting on "Winter Weather Preparedness." In addition to the training Frank conducted, we completed our final audit of vehicles to ensure the proper safety equipment is onboard.

Work is continuing on State Road 25 South Relinquishment Project. A preliminary review of INDOT's proposal made in November has been completed; however we are requesting additional exhibits from INDOT to confirm that Cass County is comparing apples to apples in the proposed documents we have provided.

Jeff Smith continued the Highway report with the information that Cass County has received first-round approval for \$325,000.00 in HSIP money. The money will be used to upgrade the reflective signs in the County to meet new State requirements.

Chase Road final plans were submitted to INDOT last week. Some right of way parcels still remain outstanding. If they can be wrapped up soon, we will stay on the April letting date, but it is a good possibility that we will have to move to a May letting.

USI was the top scoring firm in our recent consultant selection for the county wide bridge inspection. USI, based in Indianapolis, has done our bridge inspections for the past 8 years with satisfactory results. As requested at the previous meeting, the accident data on High Street between Longtree Lane and 600 E.were presented. Records show 7 property damage and 1 personal injury accident on that stretch of road over the last 2 years. Of the 7 PD accidents, 3 of them were car-deer collisions. The personal injury accident involved a motorcycle loss of control and was attributed to high speed.

APPOINTMENTS

Jim Sailors made a motion to appoint Gary Chambers to the Cass County Redevelopment Commission for the term of one year, Gene Powlen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Sailors made a motion to appoint Shari Deardorff and Craig Kennell each to a one year term to the Cass County Animal Control Board, Gene Powlen seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN

The Commissioners wished Jeff Smith a belated Happy Birthday. The general comment was that Randy Pryor looked good in brown. Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sailors seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold, President

Jim Sailors, Vice President

Gene Powlen, Member

ATTEST:_____

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor