

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2023

The Cass County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Present for the meeting were Ruth Baker, Michael Stajduhar, Mike Deitrich, Attorney Jeff Stanton and Deputy Auditor Michelle Crain.

Ruth Baker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence.

MINUTES – Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Deitrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL- Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve the claims and payroll as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner appeared before the Commissioners with the monthly report for January.

Department received 26 new clients and 16 clients completed the program. Work Release Program had 21 participants and 152 clients through the Home Detention/Electronic Monitoring program for a total of 179 clients served.

Dave reported the CY2022 Annual Report is complete and available on website. Staff are reviewing and preparing for the IDOC Program Audit scheduled for this May. IDOC Grant Application will be opening on February 28th.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum appeared before the Commissioners with monthly report for January. New ceiling tiles and lights were installed in the Recorder, Treasurer and Auditor offices. New kitchen appliances were received for the Jail.

Heat trace lines were installed on gutters at Staffing Resources Building. Additional exterior lights were installed on the Cass Employer Clinic and Staffing Resources Building.

Richard assisted with installation of new gas hanging heater at Cass County Solid Waste.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the January monthly report

PRISONER BOOKINGS	180
PRISONERS RELEASED	174
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	3,559

MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	19,516
OFFICER PATROL MILES	32,931
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	91
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	100
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	3
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	70
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	40
PROPERTY DAMAGE	36
PERSONAL INJURY	4
FATALITES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	991
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	347
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:	
CALLS/CASE	10
PRESENTATIONS	1
TRANSPORTATION	0
ANIMAL CONTROL:	
COUNTY CALLS	21
CITY CALLS	21
CONSULTS	19
WRITTEN WARNINGS	10
SHELTERED ANIMALS	10
BITE CASES	0

Sheriff Schroder informed the County provides equipment for Animal Control Officer and the City provides salary and benefits.

Sheriff Schroder added Inmate count as of today is 222.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented the monthly report for January. New laptops and desktop computers have been delivered and installed for the offices of; Surveyor, Coroner, and Prosecutor. Computer upgrades were completed at the Highway Department.

Equipment was removed and reinstalled during the relocating of offices for CASA, PreTrial Services, and Adult Protective Services. Equipment was removed and reinstalled during the ceiling and light renovations in the Auditor's office.

Preparations are underway for installation of security cameras on the Health Department Smith Street location. Fiber service for the building was reconfigured by construction company to only internet connection service, MetroNet is struggling to get the data network service back up and running.

Cj has prepared the Primary Election Ballot for the upcoming Municipal Election.

CCED – Christy Householder was not available to attend. The following monthly report for January was submitted and reviewed.

Christy made eight business retention and expansion visits. Attended thirty-three local, fourteen regional and three state project meetings with twelve business leads.

BROADBAND – Matt Mavrick reported the east portion of the fiber ring has been completed. Southern portion of the ring is being constructed and spliced. Northern portion received INDOT approval and heading south we are still waiting for pole attachment approval from Carrol/White Utilities. Waiting for four railroad crossings and one bridge approvals within Logansport.

Seventeen new customers were connected bringing the total number of connections to 163. Sixty-one miles have been completed of the 141-mile fiber ring. Broadband added, at their expense, 22 miles through Logansport to the Hoover area, this was not included in the original plan.

ORD. 23-01 SHERIFF DEPUTY ROAD WORK SCHEDULE – Sheriff Schroder presented a work schedule for road deputies in efforts to reduce overtime hours and use as a recruiting tool. Sheriff Schroder requested approval of Ordinance 23-01 on second reading.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-01 as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NIPSCO ROAD USE AGREEMENT – Jeff Stanton presented road use agreement between NIPSCO and Cass County for pipeline installation through the county to the new Kokomo battery plant. Agreement will be presented to NIPSCO for approval.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve Road Use Agreement with NIPSCO as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – Ruth Baker presented request received from the Chairman of the Rock Creek Cass-Carroll Conservancy District, David Helms, to re-appoint Jon C Guy as director. Per IC 14-33-5-8 if a district fails to conduct an election of directors, the county commissioners shall appoint the person of interest.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to re-appoint Jon C Guy as director to the Rock Creek Cass-Carroll Conservancy District, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to adjourn, Mike Deitrich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



Ruth Baker, President



Michael W. Stajduhar, Vice President



Mike Deitrich

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor