

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 5, 2023

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

Michael Stajduhar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence in memory of County Councilman Grover Bishop.

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

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

NIPSCO PROJECT UPDATE – Project Manager Greg Harper provided power point presentation of current project developments. To date approximately 83.5% of pipeline has been installed and project is running ahead of schedule with estimate completion of installation by mid-July. Post card notifications were mailed to area residents of State Road 218 closure from June 5th to June 9th. Local schools were made aware of the closure. Soft restoration has begun including back filling and seeding.

AMAZON BUSINESS PRIME SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION – Cj Gilsinger present for approval Terms and Conditions for Amazon Prime Subscription. Subscription will unify county departments under one account with the ability to make purchases without the use of charge cards. Cj requested permission to set up account on the county's behalf.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve Amazon Business Prime Service Terms and Conditions subscription and grant permission to Cj to set up account, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RENT.FUN KAYAK EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT – Christy Householder presented for approval the purchase of Kayak equipment through Rent.Fun Self-Service Rental Program. Christy has approached the Council to use CEDIT funds to pay for the equipment upon approval to purchase by Commissioners.

Arin Shaver reviewed the destination locations and segment routes. Dana Hildebrand explained France Park involvement in the program by offering kayaking on the lake. Arin explained County Attorney is reviewing contracts for approval.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve equipment purchase, subject to County Attorney review and Council funding, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPLUS ITEM – Mike Deitrich made a motion to surplus large paper cutter located in the Commissioner’s Office, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department monthly report for May. Jeff informed the change of one-way streets to two-way in the downtown area of Logansport will begin June 14th on Fourth and Fifth Streets between Market and High Streets.

Crews continue preparing for chip seal work, drainage and culvert work, mowing, and patching. Dust control has been applied on gravel roads. United Consulting has begun bridge inspections.

State Road 218 is closed between CR 50 E and CR 200 E for bridge replacement through September. NIPSCO pipeline project will close State Road 218 at CR 600 E for a short period of time. State Road 18 between CR 1250 S and CR 1100 E has also been closed for NIPSCO pipeline project.

ORDINANCE 23-09 TEMPORARY TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTION – Jeff Smith presented for approval truck restrictions on selected roads in Washington Township related to the State Road 218 bridge replacement and to extend restrictions for closure between State Road 29 and CR 50 E after the first closure is finished.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve Truck Traffic Restriction Ordinance as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS – Brady Wiles presented the monthly report for May. EMS responded to 345 calls and provided 218 transports. Average response time of 6:36.

Brady reported 1372 billable miles consisting of 131 ALS calls plus 6 Level II ALS calls and 82 BLS calls. Total billed for month of April \$253,915. Department has one full time vacancy resulting from EMT requesting change in status from full time to part time due to physical injury.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand presented monthly report for May. Estimated revenue received for the month of May was \$128,039 including Memorial Day Weekend gate fees received of \$22,265. Park was at full capacity with no major issues, except turning guests away for lack of available campsites.

CORONER – George Franklin was unavailable to attend; no report was submitted.

DISPATCH E-911 – Tara Grigsby presented monthly report for May.

911 Calls	1738
Admin Calls	5933
CAD Screens	3746
Overtime	42 shifts

Tara reported one trainee will start June 5th, department is fully staffed. Dispatch is ready to transition over to new mobile radio communication. Rocky Buffum added the last of the new equipment will be received and put into place tomorrow. Training and testing of the new system will be performed before going live.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter presented the monthly report for May.

The Health Department held twelve routine immunization clinics. During this report period 295 patients were seen with 691 vaccines given. Eight (8) latent TB patients and thirty-four (34) lead cases received care and medications if needed. TB medication is provided free of charge through Purdue Pharmacy.

Health education presented Tobacco/Vaping Education to Landis Elementary students. First meeting of newly organized Youth Tobacco Prevention Group met to discuss school polices and businesses adhering to State and Federal Tobacco laws and how to impact youth decisions. Summer Safety Series will begin in June for Summer Camp Programs at Kidz Connection, Logansport Learning Academy, and Cass County Family YMCA.

Vital Records department received \$2,530 in document fees. The department printed 144 birth certificates, 149 certified death certificates, and 1 paternity affidavit.

Mike Collins completed 48 restaurant inspections, issued 12 food permits, two complaints, and one pre-operational inspection. Three environmental trash inspections and one unsanitary living inspection. One lead inspection with two lead follow-up inspections and one tattoo salon inspection. Dan Musselman completed 11 environmental calls, 7 soil reports, 8 residential searches and 2 residential repairs, 2 new construction permits, and 4 OSS permits.

Serenity reported HIV/Hep V/STD testing will be provided once a month by HIV Ministries. Hearing testing and earwax removal will be provided on Monday mornings by Fairbanks Hear Again.

Serenity requested approval to fill part time translator position. Position is supported in the current budget.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve request to fill part time translator position, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Serenity presented for approval the following grant applications;

- Crisis Co Ag COVID-19 Sustainment Local Health Department School Grant in the amount of \$220,000 provides funding for one full time nurse and one part time position to serve as a liaison with local schools. Provide health screenings for students; hearing, vision, and dental.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve the grant application as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Serenity requested approval to fill one full time nurse and one part time position for the Crisis Co Ag COVID-19 Sustainment Local Health Department School Grant upon receiving grant award.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve the request to fill grant positions based on available grant funding, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Immunization & Vaccines for Children Grant in the amount of \$81,819 provides salary funding for existing staff to promote and provide vaccination services. Conduct school site vaccination clinics and outreach to minority and hard to reach populations.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve the grant application as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Immunization & Vaccines for Children Supplemental Grant provides additional funding of \$45,902 for existing Immunization & Vaccines for Children Grant.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to approve the supplemental grant application as presented, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Serenity introduced Nurse Tonya Smith, she will be assisting with grants. Commissioners are encouraged to contact her with questions regarding grants.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECOGNITION – Commissioner Stajduhar announced next meeting will be held on June 19th.

Commissioner Deitrich wished best of luck to the Caston High School Softball Team at next Saturday's State Championship game.

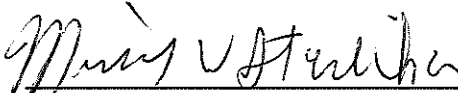
PUBLIC COMMENT – Laura Redweik, 5524 N 600 East, Twelve Mile - Caston High School at one time had its own school district. Serving both Cass and Fulton counties, creating the combination of counties in the school name; Cas for Cass County and ton for Fulton County.

Is there a water proof storage unit within the Kayak to protect customer’s cell phone?
County Attorney Stanton will review agreement for provision related to that situation.

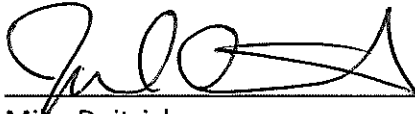
ADJOURNMENT – Mike Deitrich made a motion to adjourn, Michael Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(ABSENT)

Ruth Baker, President



Michael W. Stajduhar, Vice President



Mike Deitrich

ATTEST:



Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor