

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 19, 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 Auditor Cheryl Alcorn.

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

MINUTES – Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes as presented, 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.

NIPSCO PROJECT UPDATE – Public Affairs & Economic Development Manager Karen McLean and Construction Manager Mark Black presented project Fusion update. To date approximately 95% of pipeline has been installed of the 18.5-mile project. Soft restoration has begun on Highway 35 and road restoration will begin in next couple of weeks.

BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE – Matt Mavrack presented update report of Broadband Project. East and South portion of the fiber ring is completed and customers are being served. North portion aerial strand has been built and will begin hanging strand this week. Waiting for make ready/pole change outs from Carroll White REMC to reach the north side of Logansport. City railroad crossings waiting for reschedule date from railroad company. Underground strand is complete along Highway 16. Mapping has been completed for the Lucerne area.

Matt reported 17 new hook ups for a total of 223 customers as of June 19th. Ninety-one miles of fiber completed with 50 miles remaining and 117 miles of strand completed with 24 miles remaining.

ROAD CLOSURE – Jeff Smith presented for approval road closure request for Twelve Mile Fireworks to be held on Monday, July 3rd. Road closure of CR 800E from SR 16 to CR 800N, and CR 750N from CR 700E to CR 800E from dusk until the conclusion of display.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve road closures as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner presented monthly report for May. Department received 25 new clients and 26 clients completed the program. Two clients were returned and eleven clients were held in the jail.

CLIENTS SERVED - May	172
• HOME DETENTION	140
• WORK RELEASE	32

Dave reported the program currently has 39 work release residents; 35 males and 4 females. Female dorm room has reopened with limited capacity until renovations are fully completed. Dorm will house 12 females when completed. Currently two of the four female residents have gained employment.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented monthly report for May. Government Building parking lots have been sealed and re-striped. Cell phone lock boxes have been installed in lobbies of all three courts. New customer counter and gate installed in the Recorder’s Office.

Smoke detectors have been replaced and service agreements completed for new generator and elevator at the Jail. Logansport Utilities scheduled installation of new storm sewer drains on High Street in front of the Jail beginning Monday, July 17th.

High Street parking lot at the Cass County Annex Building was sealed and re-striped. HVAC system serviced to better control room temperature at Family Opportunity Center and Consolidated Union building. Installed new bar handle on entrance door of County Employee Clinic.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented the monthly report for May. Installation of new computer docking stations for deputy vehicles is nearly finished. Docking stations allow disconnect of laptop without wires. Metronet continues to upgrade service to solve network problems at the Health Department.

IT department is serving as a test pilot for the new electronic claim processing. Process will enable departments to submit claims through LOW Financial system saving time and paper. This will help in the move toward electronic payments. IT department will add county departments one at time to the new process.

Cj explained the recent passed legislation of House Bill 1167 requires transparency of public meetings to be live streamed and achieved on internet for a minimum of 90 days. Cj is looking for a recording program that will provide for state requirements.

IT department has completed the setup of Amazon Prime accounts for county departments. County departments have the ability to take advantage of cost savings by ordering through Amazon Prime.

CCED – Christy Householder presented the monthly report for May. Christy made six business retention and expansion visits, attended thirty local, two state, and six regional projects meetings with thirteen business leads.

Christy reported agreements have been approved and submitted for the Broadband READI Grant and for the Rent.Fun Kayak program. Appropriation of funds for Kayak equipment was approved by Council. Annual tax abatements have been reviewed and approved by Council.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Ed Schroder presented monthly report for May.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	181
PRISONERS RELEASED	187
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	5,858
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	20,042
OFFICER PATROL MILES	36,277
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	227
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	129
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	10
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	87
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	33
PROPERTY DAMAGE	25
PERSONAL INJURY	8
FATALITIES	0
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	1,018
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	327

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:

CALLS/CASE	12
PRESENTATIONS	2
TRANSPORTATION	0

ANIMAL CONTROL:

	<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>
TOTAL CALLS	17	52
UNFOUND CALLS	3	18
CONSULTS	11	17
WRITTEN WARNINGS	3	8
SHELTERED ANIMALS	0	6
BITE CASES	2	2
Local Ordinances Violations	0	3
State Statute Violations	1	0

Sheriff Schroder reported current inmate count is 202. DOC Audit is scheduled for next Tuesday.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – BID OPENING - Attorney Jeff Stanton opened and read aloud the bid received for the purchase of four squad cars:

John Jones Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
1735A Gardner Lane, Corydon, Indiana 2023 Dodge Durandgo per Spec's
V8 AWD \$41,950 each

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to take bid under advisement, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder informed Commissioners all four vehicles will be purchased with Commissary Funds.


2024 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES – Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve 2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedules, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION – Commissioner Baker announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th.

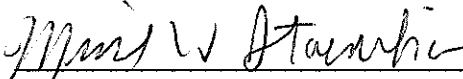
PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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 Acorn, Auditor