

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 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 Regular Meeting and Executive Session 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 – Project Manager Greg Harper provided power point presentation of current project developments. Pipe installation is within 2000 feet of completion and project timeline is on schedule. Pressure testing will be conducted upon completion of installation. Soft restoration has begun with back filling and seeding, along with replacement of county drains. One remaining construction traffic light will be removed upon the completion of restorations.

BID AWARD – SHERIFF DEPT. – Sheriff Schroder requested approval of the only vehicle bid received from John Jones Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

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 approve vehicle bid as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR – Noah Schafer requested approval to fill full time Adult Protective Services Case Manager position left vacant by Angie Zeider. Angie gained employment with another local agency.

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

MAINTENANCE – Richard Gundrum requested approval to fill vacant part time custodial position.

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

KAYAK PROJECT CONTRACT WAIVER – Attorney Jeff Stanton presented for approval location license contract waiver subject to approval from Rent.Fun for the Kayak project.

Ruth Baker entertained a motion to approve contract waiver as recommended by county attorney.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Serenity Alter presented the monthly report for June. Mike Collins completed 38 restaurant inspections and issued 57 food permits. Three environmental trash inspections. One lead inspection with one lead follow-up inspection and two pool inspections. Dan Musselman completed 15 environmental calls, 8 soil reports, 10 residential searches and 2 residential repairs, 3 new construction permits, 40 EPA lead removals, and 4 OSS permits.

Vital Records department received \$1,605 in document fees. The department printed 128 birth certificates, 70 certified death certificates, 1 paternity affidavit, and 1 genealogy search.

The Health Department held eleven routine immunization clinics. During this report period 202 patients were seen with 457 vaccines given. Fifteen latent TB patients and thirty-four lead cases received care and medications if needed. TB medication is provided free of charge through Purdue Pharmacy.

Health education presented “Let’s just talk about it” associated with mental health and medication management to senior citizens. Summer Safety Series presentations were given at Kidz Connections and Logansport Learning Academy covering; water safety, bike and helmet safety, and bullying.

Serenity announced the Health Department is hosting a “Walk in the Park” every Monday and Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 at Huston Park. Blood pressure and blood sugar checks are offered. Dates and times for Back to School vaccines will be forthcoming through social media, newspaper and flyers.

Serenity requested approval to deem the following items as surplus:

- 5 office chairs
- 5 metal paper towel dispensers
- 10 x-ray lights (view boxes)
- 2 rolling trash bins
- 11 lobby office chairs
- 1 sanitizer dispenser
- 1 plastic wall organizer
- 1 gurney

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to deem items surplus as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Jeff Smith appeared before the Commissioners with the Highway Department monthly report for June. Chip seal program including 84 centerline miles and 100 seal-equivalent miles had begun. Map of chip seal projects is posted on the county website. Crews have been mowing, brush removal, and culvert work.

Jeff reported items sold through the city auction for a net amount of \$22,100.00. Third Street INDOT projects in Logansport will start milling and paving next week on the north end and south end work will begin on curbs and curb ramp at the end of the month.

Jeff requested approval to fill vacant full-time driver position.

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

Jeff requested permission to advertise for truck bids. Last two truck orders, placed over two years ago, have been canceled by the manufacturer for the second time. This bid request will consist of 4 tandem chassis, and two body and plow packages.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve request to advertise truck bids as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Jeff presented for consideration a gravel road conversion request from residents in Clay Township. Signed petition request conversion of gravel to hard surface for County Road 500E between County Road 225N and County Road 325N. Segment is just under one mile and conversion cost would be approximately \$40,000. Four residential properties are located along the segment, with one that appears vacant for some time. A traffic count yielded 13 vehicles per day.

Petitioner Mike Swisher came before the Commissioners explaining the hazardous road condition during inclement weather on this segment. Traffic is heavier during the school year.

Mike Deitrich made a motion to table request until next meeting for further assessment, Michael Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS – Brady Wiles presented the monthly report for June. EMS responded to 384 calls and provided 222 transports. Average response time of 5:59.

Brady reported 1076 billable miles consisting of 138 ALS calls plus 9 Level II ALS calls and 61 BLS calls. Total billed for month of May \$252,610. Twenty-six students completed EMT Class, twenty-four of those students continued and passed the Practical Exam last Saturday.

PARK DEPARTMENT – Dana Hildebrand presented monthly report for June. Estimated revenue received for the month of June was \$138,188. Dana will have 4th of July holiday weekend results to report at next meeting. Park looks good and all is going well.

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

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

911 Calls	1648
Admin Calls	5665
CAD Screens	3514
Overtime	24 shifts

Tara reported one new hire currently in training. Dispatchers continue course training for State Mandated Certifications.

Tara requested approval to fill a temporary full-time dispatch position.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve request to fill temporary full-time position, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. 23-10 JULIAN RIDLEN AIM HIGH PARK – Attorney Stanton presented for approval ordinance creating Julian Ridlen AIM High Park and position of full time Park Director. This is a joint ordinance of County Commissioners and County Council. Ordinance will be presented to County Council for approval establishing a non-reverting fund to receive revenue generated by the park.

Judge Kitts added the park is active with Softball Tournaments scheduled through October. New bleachers and playground equipment have been purchased with 5013C remaining funds. All fixtures will become property of the county upon transition.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-10 as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. 23-04 STATE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING – Serenity Alter presented for approval resolution adopting state public health funding to provide core public health services. State funding requires a local county match each year. Next year will be the premier for this new funding program.

Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve Resolution 23-04 as presented, Mike Deitrich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

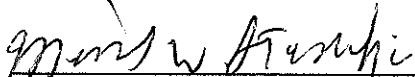
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECOGNITION – Commissioner Baker encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming 4-H Cass County Fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None


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



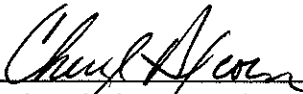
Ruth Baker, President



Michael W. Stajduhar, Vice President



Mike Deitrich

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor