

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 19, 2022

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

Ryan Browning opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Ruth Baker made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried 2 in favor and 1 abstain. Ryan Browning abstained due to absence.

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

CCED – Christy Householder presented the Economic Development monthly report for November. Christy made one industry visit and three business retention and expansion visits, twenty-two project meetings, one international project meeting with six business leads.

Christy attended Grissom Air Force Base Environmental Review for possible housing of the KC46. Grissom offers more storage area needed for the aircraft and local community supports proposal.

BROADBAND – Matt Mavruck was not available to attend, the following update report was submitted for review. Crews hooked up 16 new installs and finished fiber pull through at the Ag Park. Service will be active within two weeks for the Ag Park. Crews continue building fiber south of Logansport. Expect to receive Duke Energy approval by second week of January to start along State Road 16. After the first of the year will start to connect customers that reside outside of Walton and Galveston area.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Richard Gundrum presented monthly report for November. Fire systems inspected in the Government Building and Jail. Smoke detectors are scheduled for replacement next year in both buildings. Generators were serviced in both buildings and paper products were ordered for next year. Sound panels were installed in the Jail video and interview rooms.

Replaced water heater in Work Release building. Dispatch office carpets were cleaned. Replaced exterior lights and installed dedicated circuit for connection at the Spear Street Ambulance Garage.

Richard attended building renovation meetings and continues to work on punch lists for the Jail Expansion Project.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dave Wegner presented monthly report for November. Community Corrections received 21 new clients and served a total 180 clients. Eighteen clients completed the program and four clients were returned to incarceration on a pending violations.

CLIENTS SERVED	180
• HOME DETENTION	141
• WORK RELEASE	39

The program currently has 33 work release residents, a 50% increase from last month. Interior building renovations are scheduled to begin January 4th with estimated completion date of spring/early summer 2023.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – Sheriff Schroder appeared before the Commissioners with the November monthly report.

PRISONER BOOKINGS	147
PRISONERS RELEASED	175
MILES TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	2,593
MEALS SERVED TO PRISONERS	20,250
OFFICER PATROL MILES	29,260
TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED	259
TRAFFIC ARRESTS/CITATIONS	174
DWI/OWI ARRESTS	6
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	50
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	56
PROPERTY DAMAGE	49
PERSONAL INJURY	6
FATALITES	1
RESERVE OFFICER HOURS	0
CIVIL PROCESS MILAGE	873
CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS SERVED	255

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:

CALLS/CASE	13
PRESENTATIONS	0

TRANSPORTATION	0
ANIMAL CONTROL:	
COUNTY CALLS	8
CITY CALLS	29
CONSULTS	16
WRITTEN WARNINGS	11
SHELTERED ANIMALS	9
BITE CASES	0

AWARD RFP BIDS – Sheriff Schroder summarized the two proposals for food service received at the last meeting. Sheriff recommended moving forward with the lesser of the two proposals received. Kellwell Food Management proposal will keep the jail food cost under budget.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Kellwell Food Management proposal as recommended, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schroder gave a recap of the three proposals received during last meeting for the purchase of Body Worn Camera System. Sheriff recommended moving forward with proposal received from Axon for continuity of services already provided to other departments within the county and includes all new hardware allowing a savings of approximately \$20,000 in future purchases of those items.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve Axon proposal as recommendation, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

I.T. DEPARTMENT – Cj Gilsinger presented monthly report for November. Cj created a pool of 1000 jurors for each of the three courts for next year’s jury draw. A mail merge was created to print and mail out the 3,000 juror questionnaires.

IT Department assisted Cass County Solid Waste District in move to new location, connecting Wi-Fi and phone services, and computer equipment. Also assisted Cass County Soil and Water office with purchase of a financial software program for bookkeeping.

VMware Physical Servers were delivered and majority of the system has been built while waiting for one more part to be delivered before rolling over into the new system.

A network attached video storage was purchased for body cameras worn by jailers and security guards.

PROSECUTOR – Noah Schafer requested approval to fill vacant part time position.

Ruth Baker made a motion to approve request for part time position, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BID AWARDS – HIGHWAY MATERIALS – Jeff Smith recommended accepting all bids for 2023 materials and engineering services that were opened and presented at the December 5th meeting.

Ruth Baker made a motion to accept all bids presented, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff noted an overall increase of 10% to 15% for materials and 15% to 20% decrease for metal culvert materials were received this bidding cycle.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING – Hillary Hartoin announced the first settlement distribution payment of \$182,927 has been received from the \$26 billion national settlement with Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson. The distributed amount received does not include the City’s portion that amount was directly sent to the City. Cass County will receive approximately \$800,000 to be distributed over eighteen years.

The local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) will review proposals to best use the allocated funding in efforts to make the most impact in the fight against opioids in the county.

APPOINTMENTS – The following individuals were appointed:

Cass County Animal Control Board	Kathy Patty	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
	Amy Gilbert	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
	Shari Deardorff	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Cass County Building Corporation	James Donato	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
	Claude Bailey	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
	Gary Berkshire	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Cass County Combined E-911 Dispatch Governing Board	Mike Deitrich		BVOO
Cass County Fire District Board	Rex Danley	4 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2026
Cass/Pulaski Corrections Board	Mike Stajduhar		BVOO
Convention, Visitor, and Tourism Commission	Allen James	2 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2024

EMS Board

Brent Ahrens	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Rick Bair	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Ryan Browning	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Mike Deitrich	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Dave Morris	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Brian Reed	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Ed Schroder	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023

Cass County Redevelopment Commission

Ryan Browning	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
Matt Meagher	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023

Four County Counseling Board	Andrew Achey	3 yrs	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2025
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Hospital Board	Kris Cover	4 yrs	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2026
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Indiana Homeland Security District 4

Mike Deitrich	BVOO
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Industrial Park Board	Christy Householder	3 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2025
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PTABOA Board	Dave Schiever	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
	Dave Patty	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023

Region 4 Workforce Development Board

Michael Stajduhar	1 yr	1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023
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Ruth Baker made a motion to approve the appointments as read, Mike Stajduhar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION –

Commissioner Baker recognized Commissioner Browning for his hard work and amazing job serving the county over the past four years.


Commissioner Stajduhar thanked Commissioner Browning for his leadership of many initiatives during his time as commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lora Redweik, 5524 N CR 600 E, Twelve Mile – Why reappoint Matt Meagher to the Redevelopment Commission, he doesn't attend the meetings? Is this subject to change throughout the year if something comes forward?

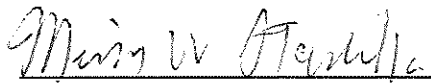
Commissioner Browning answered the school board appointment is a non-voting member recommended by school district and is subject to change.

ADJOURNMENT

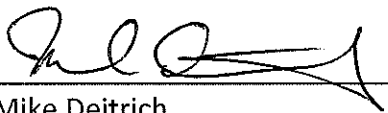
Ruth Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mike Stajduhar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.




Ruth Baker



Mike Stajduhar



Mike Deitrich

ATTEST: 

Cheryl Alcorn, Auditor