## Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Steve Baier chair; Stephen Green,
John Hartkopf, Mark O'Brien and Bernard Pettinger. Agenda upon motion by Pettinger, 2nd by Hartkopf was approved.
Minutes of September 30, 2021 upon motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green were approved.

Cass County Auditor Dale Sunderman requested the approval of the appointment of an assistant to fill a vacancy.

Motion by Green, 2nd by O'Brien to adopt Resolution 2021-016. Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-016 APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT BY AN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICER WHEREAS, the Cass County Auditor has a vacant position; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section §331.903(1) of the Code of Iowa, each officer may appoint, with approval of the board, one or more deputies, assistants, or clerks for whose acts the principal officer is responsible. . . . and the approval of each appointment shall be adopted by a resolution recorded in the minutes of the board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cass County Board of Supervisors that the following appointment is approved: Dorene South as Auditor's Assistant

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2021.

Motion by Green, 2nd by O'Brien: to approve the employment of Dorene South as Auditor's assistant effective Oct. 18, 2021 (\$18.00/hour). Carried unanimously.

The Iowa Department of Transportation as part of its long term roadway/bridge maintenance program has offered incentives for closure of certain low traffic count roadway under I-80. The roadway under the bridge at 570th received a low rating. IDOT is offering \$1,500,000 incentive (deposited in the Cass County bridge fund) if the County would close County roadway at 570th St. Landowners in the area have stated opposition to the proposal to vacate, citing cost to use alternative routes to travel from one side of I-80 to the other, etc. After due discussion with IDOT representatives Scott Suhr and Scott Schram, the board set Oct. 29, 2021 at 9 a.m. for a public hearing on vacating a portion of roadway under I-80 on 570th St.

Mike Kennon and the Board discussed implementing Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) in Cass County and the cost of startup and continued maintenance. Current proposal will not take care of all the problems nor will help all areas of the County equally; but will allow all areas access. Motorola does not permit payment for several years maintenance upfront, so would not be necessary to include that in a bond issue- probably fund by annual levy combined with use of some 911 surcharge revenue. It is believed that some American Rescue Plan monies can be used for certain communication projects. Motorola proposal quote is firm only for a few more weeks, so public hearing on whether or not to bond and accept the proposal is set for Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.

Chair Baier said that issues may cause a prospect interested in the County residential care facility building to withdraw. Hartkopf said the MHDS Region will help with search for a new tenant and otherwise investing in keeping the facility maintained through at least the remainder of FY22.

Use of American Rescue Plan funding was briefly discussed. Baier reiterated that some funds may be used for communication projects. O'Brien noted that some air quality and HVAC projects may be eligible.

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Reports filed: September 2021 Sheriff's, and Recorder's reports of fees collected.

Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Oct. 12, 2021.

/s/-Steve Baier, Chair Attest: /s/-Dale Sunderman, Auditor