

Wednesday, June 8 2022 Board Minutes

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 O'Brien; 2nd by Hartkopf was approved. Minutes of May 31, 2022, upon motion by Hartkopf, 2nd by Pettinger were approved.

Kyle Frederiksen, Aaron Williams, Alan Redler with the Marne Fire & Rescue Association spoke regarding their ARPA Request. The request outlines replacement of the grass fire truck which is approximately 28 years old. They have been checking into new truck pricing but where they have checked were only able to give estimate on 2022 state bid prices, but all of those have been claimed. 2023 prices are not released at this point. Supervisor Mark O'Brien discussed that several board members have discussed the possible payment of ARPA funds to all Cass County Fire Departments, aside from Anita Fire Department which was issued \$65,000 per Resolution 2022-025.

The board approved to give each of the remaining 7 Fire Departments \$25,000 and then to review once the additional ARPA funds are received for FY 2023, with a plan to give each of the remaining Fire Departments \$25,000 each for the next 3 years, with the remaining payments occurring in FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24. Motion by Green; 2nd by Hartkopf. Carried unanimously.

Kyle Quist, Deputy Sherriff, and Ben Bartholomew, Deputy Sheriff presented on the need for new drones to assist the county in efforts to help other departments (Cass Co. EMA/911, Sherriff's Office, Atlantic Police Dept., Fire Association) for use in traffic investigations, fire, and use on the job when apprehending individuals. The new units are smaller, equipped lights and can be kept in vehicles and the newer models are now about 1/3 of the price of some older models. Motion by Green; 2nd by Hartkopf. Carried unanimously.

Cass Co. EMA/911 ARPA Request was tabled for a future board meeting due to more information needed. Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Hartkopf.

Auditor Sara Harris presented Resolution 2022-029 to approve for Cass County Courthouse office hours. Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Green to recess board meeting to attend Bluebird Hill event at 9:46am, 2nd by Hartkopf.

Board meeting reconvened at 12:30pm.

Resolution 2022-029 Cass County Courthouse Office Hours, was amended due to an error in the resolution number, motion by O'Brien to approve and 2nd by Green, Carried unanimously.

Tracey Marshall, Cass County Treasurer presented that she has three potential new hires. Tracey suggested that the new hires start at \$18.00/hr, then after 30 days to \$19.00/hr, and at 60 days to \$20.00/hr. Steve Baier recommended start rate of \$18.00/hr to start and then have performance review after 60 days to be moved to \$19.00/hr. Steve Green motioned to start the new hires at \$18.00/hr, then after 90-day review move to \$19.00/hr and then at 6 months to \$20.00/hr. Mark O'Brien 2nd. Carried unanimously.

New hires are Celeste Burrows and Jordan Liddell. Motion by John Hartkopf, 2nd by Bernard Pettinger. Carried unanimously. Stacey Mueller spoke about why the closing of the office is necessary for training. She stated the Treasurer is trying to schedule extra help to come in. Currently someone is coming in now on Friday's and they hope to coordinate more. The department will review every week to see if hours can be changed.

April & May GA/MH reports moved to 6/14 meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Cass County Engineer Trent Wolken presented on Secondary Roads department. The department has been cleaning up from the storm damage the storm on 6/7/22. He also mentioned that the southeast corner of the county had some trees down.

Committee Reports: Steve Green stated there is a Landfill Public Hearing 6/13/22 at 5:30pm at the Cass County Courthouse.

TIME 1:20pm Motion by Pettinger, 2nd by O'Brien: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022.