

## **CASS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 21, 2011**

The Cass county Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were Brian Reed, Brent Kelley, George Stebbins, Grover Bishop, Jeff LeDonne, Ralph Anderson, James David, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide.

### **MINUTES**

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the regular Council minutes from September 16, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Ralph Anderson requested that the minutes for the second reading be corrected. The Logansport Library was not a binding budget, but could be a binding budget. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A correction to the budget and salary ordinance, James David was omitted from the Council salary ordinance.

### **ADDITIONALS**

Lisa Swaim from the Prosecutors office appeared before the Council with a request for an additional appropriation for their office. The appropriation covers witness fees, office manager social security, office supplies, travel, contractual, law books and motor vehicle. The amount requested was \$14,500. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the request, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynda Kennedy appeared before the Council with a request for a transfer out of series for the Health Department. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the transfer out of series, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Randy Prior appeared before the Council to present the amendment to the Cass County Police Retirement Plan, the changes included in the amendment will not affect the funding of the current plan. Ralph Anderson made a motion to accept the amendment as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

George Stebbins asked the Sheriff Pryor how the fuel fund looked for the rest of the year. Sheriff Pryor responded that it would probably run short, but he thought he would have some money in some other funds that could be transferred out of series to cover the shortfall. Ralph Anderson asked how the meal fund looked, Sheriff Pryor responded that it would be very close to what was budgeted.

## **E-911**

Dan McDonald appeared before the Council with a request to change the salary ordinance for two employees. The two have switched positions and there is a difference in the pay for each job. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the change, Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The change took effect the first pay of August; the pay will be adjusted and prorated for the remainder of the year.

## **I.T.**

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Council and requested the establishment of a new fund for the Electronic Map Generation Fund. This would be a non-reverting fund. The fees collected from the sale of county mapping information would be placed into this fund. The monies would be collected in the Auditor's office and managed by the I.T. department. Ralph Anderson made a motion to establish a non-reverting fund for mapping fees, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET 1**

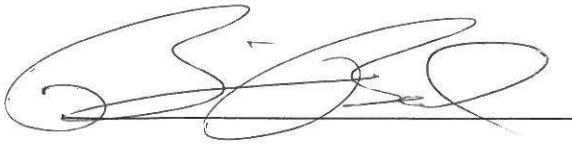
The Fire District I budget was reviewed by the Council. The Council heard comments from three individuals in regards to the Fire District Budget. Rick Schroder, who resides at 1490 N. St.Rd. 25, Logansport, Milt Hess of 822 Lakeview Drive, Logansport and Brandon Meagher of 1226 Michigan Avenue, Logansport. The Council listened to each concerned individual. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the Fire District 1 budget as presented, George Stebbins seconded. The motion carried with 4 aye votes Jeff LeDonne, Brian Reed, George Stebbins and Grover Bishop. There were 3 nay votes Ralph Anderson, Brent Kelley and James David. Brian Reed was very disappointed that there was no representation from the Fire District 1 for this budget review and vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURN**

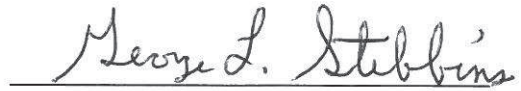
Tammy Ogle from the Cass County Extension office extended an invitation for the Council to partake in the program on property tax caps, presented by Dr. Larry DeBoer. This will take place in the Commissioners Hearing Room October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00p.m. Or it can be watched from work via the internet.

Ralph Anderson reminded the Council and audience of the upcoming program hosted by the Cass County Historical Society. Historical Haunting is presented by local people representing former Cass County residents now deceased.

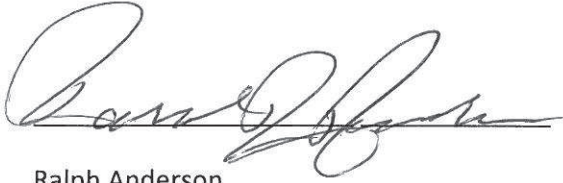
There were no other public comments, Ralph Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



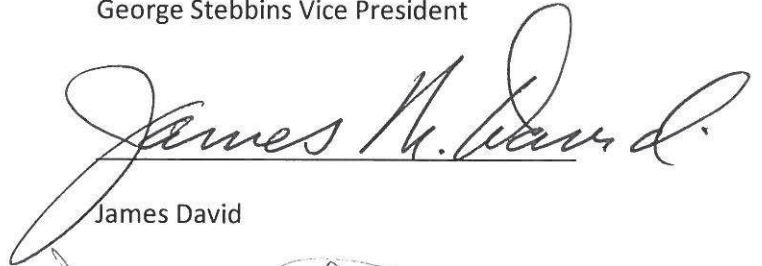
Brian Reed, President



George Stebbins Vice President



Ralph Anderson



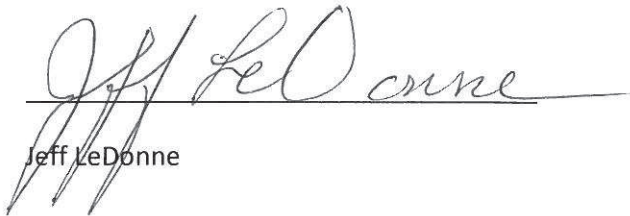
James David



Brent Kelley



Grover Bishop



Jeff LeDonne

ATTEST: 

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor