

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2013**

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were James David, Jeff LeDonne, Phil Rains, George Stebbins, Stacy Donato, Brian Reed, Grover Bishop, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

George Stebbins announced the public hearing and County Economic Director, Christy Householder made the presentation. Christy presented the resolution that makes all of Cass County except incorporated towns an economic revitalization area. Christy presented a map that showed all of the County that falls into the economic revitalization area, the area's in white reflect the incorporated towns that are not a part of the resolution.

George Stebbins requested public comments, there were none. George closed the public hearing. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the Resolution Confirming Amended and Restated Declaratory Resolution Number 2013-4 Designating All Unincorporated Area of Cass County as an Economic Revitalization Area, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried with 6 yea votes and 1 nay from Jim David. This becomes Resolution 2013-5.

ABATEMENTS

Christy Householder presented an abatement for S.U.S. for personal property tax. Randy Martin, CFO and JR Merlau, President were present and gave a brief outline of the business and its current direction. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the abatement for personal property for S.U.S., Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This becomes resolution 2013-6.

Christy Householder also presented abatement for Maple Grove Distributing for abatement on property tax. Terry Finley, owner, presented a brief statement about his business to the Council. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the abatement for property tax for Maple Grove Distributing, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried with 6 yea votes and 1 nay from Jim David. This becomes Resolution 2013-7.

PROSECUTOR

No action taken.

TRANSFERS

Phil Loos, Security, presented his request for transfer of monies out of series to the Council. The request was to transfer 1,200.00 from account 23330, household supplies to account 18001, part-time salaries. Phil also requested a transfer of 472.51 from account 23371, other supplies to account 18001, part-time salaries. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request for transfers out of series, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONALS

Clerk, Beth Liming appeared before the Council and requested an additional appropriation out of Clerk Perpetuation in the amount of \$3,566.31. Brian Reed made a motion to approve the request for the additional appropriation in Clerk Perpetuation, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

An additional appropriation was requested to the Public Defender contract in the amount of \$50,000.00, outside of the original contractual amount. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the request for the additional \$50,000.00 outside the original contract amount to the Public Defender contract, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried with 6 yea votes and 1 nay from Brian Reed.

TRANSFER RAINY DAY

Brian Reed made a motion to transfer 600,000.00 from County General (1000) to Rainy Day (1186), Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK NON-REVERTING FUND

The Cass County Council has created a non-reverting fund for the Park for 2014. All funding will go into this fund for 2014, instead of the General Fund. The Council believes by establishing this fund the Park Department could become self-sufficient for the year 2015. Phil Rains made a motion to approve the creation of a non-reverting fund for the Park, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made by the Council:

Airport Authority	Jim David	1 year
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Tom Lane	1 year
Cass County Combined E-911		
Dispatch Governing Board	Jeff LeDonne	1 year
Cass County Council Attorney	John Hillis	1 year
Cass/Pulaski Corrections Board	Brian Reed	By Virtue of Office
Childrens Protection Agency	Stacey Donato	1 year

Cass Logansport Economic Development Organization	Vacant/Suspended	
County Redevelopment Commission	Brian Reed	By Virtue of Office
	Grover Bishop	By Virtue of Office
Cass County Economic Development Commission	George Stebbins	By Virtue of Office
Industrial Park Board	Harry Rodkey	1 year
EMA Advisory Council	Stacey Donato	By Virtue of Office
	Shawn Shedron	1 year
Memorial Home Board	Brian Reed	By Virtue of Office
Logansport Library Board	Ed Smith	4 years
Cass County Plan Commission	George Stebbins	By Virtue of Office
Cass County Zoning Board of Appeals	Brent Kelley	4 years
PTABOA Board	Judy Lewis, Level II	1 year
	Joan Davis, Level II	1 year
Solid Waste District	Jeff LeDonne	By Virtue of Office

Brian Reed made a motion to approve all the appointees, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING DATE

George Stebbins announced the Council would meet Friday, December 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Matters of business:
 Encumbrances
 Prosecutor
 LEDF/CLEDO Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Anderson announced that Birth of a City, Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at McHale Auditorium. Tickets are 5.00 per person. Jim David had questions for Christy Householder. Stacey Donato made a motion to adjourn, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



Brian Reed, Vice President

Phillip Rains

Phillip E. Rains
Grover C. Bishop

Grover Bishop

Jeff LeDonne

Jeff LeDonne
James M. David

James David

Stacey Donato

Stacey Donato

ATTEST:

Vaneen M. Ide

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor