

**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2014**

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

MINUTES

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF

Randy Pryor appeared before the Council with a request for an additional deputy. The Merit Board recommended the Sheriff add an additional deputy. The Personnel Committee and the Cass County Commissioners both sent positive recommendation to the Council for the additional position. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the additional deputy position, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT/I.T. DEPARTMENT

Cj Gilsinger appeared before the Council and presented information in regards to the Park accepting debit and credit card payments. Cj requested permission to set up a separate bank account solely for these transactions. A balance of \$1,000.00 is to remain in the account for the sole purpose of refunds of debits and credits. A checking account will be needed with two signatures, one being a Commissioner, the other Park Director. There will be no fees for the checking. Logansport Savings Bank will hold the funds for this account. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the separate bank account for the debit and credit card payments for the Park Department, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ABATEMENTS

Christy Householder appeared before the Council and presented an abatement for project Blaze, which is Orion aka Standard Fusee Corporation. Christy introduced Rod Utter, plant manager at Orion. Orion manufactures distress signals, highway flares and highway safety kits. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the resolution approving a statement of benefits for Standard Fusee Corporation/ Orion Safety Products, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This becomes Resolution 2014-03.

Christy presented existing abatements for the Council to review.

M.H. Eby, INC. requested extended time to file their paperwork, it was due May 15th and was filed June 17th. The Council finds M.H. Eby, INC. in compliance with their existing abatement. Brian Reed made a motion to continue M.H. Eby, INC. current abatement, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

S.U.S. Cast Products, Inc. has a current abatement and the Council has found them to be compliant. Brian Reed made a motion to continue the abatement for S.U.S. Cast Products, Inc., Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Anderson's Agriculture Group, LP has a current abatement and the Council has found them to be compliant. Brian Reed made a motion to continue the abatement for The Anderson's Agriculture Group, LP, Grover Bishop seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Anderson's Clymers Ethanol, LLC has a current abatement and the Council had found them to be compliant. Brian Reed made a motion to continue the abatement for The Anderson's Clymers Ethanol, LLC, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Maple Grove Distributing has submitted paperwork to the Assessor in regards to the current assessment given on the property. Maple Grove Distributing has a current abatement. The Council found them to be compliant. The Council has given them an extension on their paperwork and a choice to pay first years bill abatement 2014 pay 2015 50% or 75% this will be the company's choice. Grover Bishop made a motion to continue the abatement for Maple Grove Distributing, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried with a vote of four in favor and one opposed by Jim David. The motion carried.

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Davis, Cass County Historical Society board member, gave a presentation to the Council. The CCHS is requesting the Cass County Council for \$5,000.00 for DLZ to do a study of the current buildings used to house the CCHS. Should the Council consider funding this project, it would have to be advertised and presented at the next Council meeting in July. Funds could be advertised out of County General and CEDIT monies. Grover Bishop made a motion to proceed and advertise for the next Council meeting in July, Jim David seconded. The motion failed with three opposed, George Stebbins, Brian Reed and Jeff LeDonne and two votes in favor, Jim David and Grover Bishop.

DATES FOR BUDGET REVIEW & BUDGET HEARINGS & NON-BINDING REVIEWS

The Workshop date will be August 8th in the Commissioner Hearing Room at 8:00 a.m.

August 12th the DLGF will have the budget workshop for the county budget.

August 15th will be the first reading of the county budget after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.

September 19th will be the second reading of the county budget, first reading of binding and non-binding budgets after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.

October 17th will be the second reading of the binding after the regular Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the dates as presented, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Mike Fincher, who resides at 2700 Emmet Drive, Logansport, IN, addressed the Council in regards to their vote concerning the Cass County Historical Society.

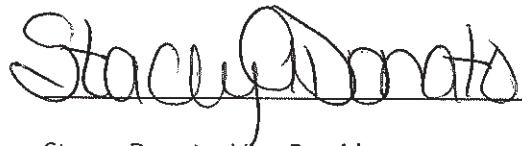
Ralph Anderson announced that the Animal Hospital will have tickets for the upcoming Sound of Music presented by Civic Players. The play dates are June 20th and 21st at 7:30 and June 27th and 28th at 7:30. Tickets are \$15.00.

Jim David questioned Ralph Anderson on the status of finding a new Park director. Ralph informed Jim that all three Commissioners are working to secure a new director for the Park.

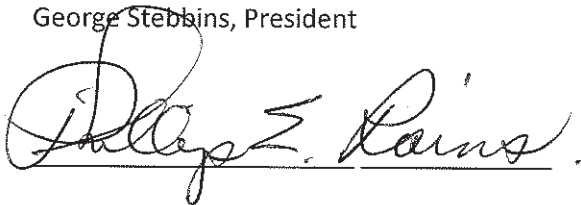
There were no other public comments. Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Jeff LeDonne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



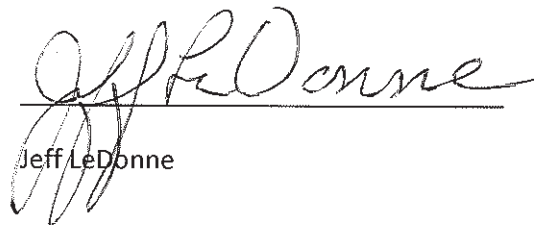
George Stebbins, President



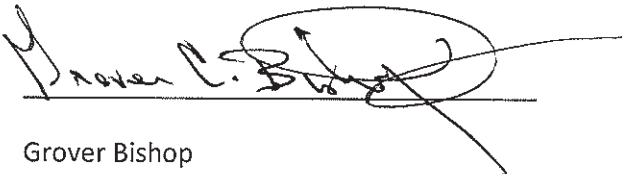
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



Jeff LeDonne



Grover Bishop



James David

Brian Reed

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vaneen M. Ide', is written over a horizontal line.

Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor